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Mississippi Baptists Celebrate Freedom From Debt

From Aberdeen to Agricola, from Flora to Freeny, from West Point to Wool Market, Mississippi Baptists gathered at the First Baptist Church, Jackson, on Tuesday, December 12, to celebrate freedom from debt and to hear two great sermons by a great Southern Baptist preacher, Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, pastor, Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.

Almost every section of the state was represented by jubilant Baptists, happy to be debt free, and serious as they faced the future with fields white unto the harvest.

The musical program was directed by Rev. Ray F. Dykes, pastor, Forty-First Avenue church, Meridian, and (Continued on Page Five)

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Baptist Building Authorized

After consideration at two state conventions, two Convention Board meetings and two pre-convention meetings, plans have been made for the erection of a Baptist building in Jackson. The building will be three stories high and is so planned as to take care of the office needs of all Baptist affairs.

The building lot, purchased some months ago, is located on Congress street, one block north of Capital street, and will take care of a building 70 feet square.

Most of the third floor will be rented as office space. More than a dozen prospective tenants have already ap-

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Foundation Selects A. B. Pierce

Rev. A. B. Pierce, pastor of the First Baptist Church at New Albany, has accepted the position of executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation. He begins his work on January first and will move to Jackson at an early date.

Mr. Pierce is 39 years of age and was reared at Allen, Mississippi. He (Continued on Page Nine)



NO CHRISTMAS ISSUE

According to the custom of the years, there will be no issue of The Baptist Record next week, December 28. This has been the practice for many years and in order to prevent a flood of letters from people asking why they did not get their Record of December 28 we are publishing this notice.

The Lord has been exceedingly good to us all through the year and everyone connected with the Baptist Record in any capacity expresses to Him our heart-felt thanks. May we once again thank all the pastors,

churches and countless friends for their every favor.

Frankly the growth of the circulation has been almost a miracle. This miracle was caused by the faithful work of hundreds and hundreds of friends throughout the state. Our prayer for you is that God will bless you through all the coming days, during the holidays and on through the year. May you feel His presence around you and enjoy His constant favor.

—All The Baptist Record Workers.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Greetings of the Christmas season with all its spiritual meaning, and all good wishes for a great 1945 in all the work of Christ—to Mississippi Baptists! As a people we have much to be thankful for. Let us make and keep Mississippi as it should be for our returning boys! Let us give ourselves to the work of Christ through all the implications of the Centennial Crusade. Thank you for your love, prayers, cooperation and sympathetic helpfulness!

Blessings upon you.

D. A. McCall,
Executive Secretary.

Sincere good wishes for a meaningful Christmas and a 1945 filled with abundant Christian living. It is the wish and prayer of the entire Training Union Department that we may bring a million souls as our gift of service to Him whose birthday we celebrate.

AUBER J. WILDS,
Training Union Secretary.

The Sunday School Department wants to take this opportunity to extend very best wishes to each and all for a most happy, joyous and blessed Christmas Season. As we come to another such time of the year, we are reminded again of Him who gave us Christmas; whose birthday it is, and whose love has made possible all the good things that this world has. May His Spirit enter into the hearts of the people this Christmas as never before in all the years since He first came to this earth to live and die that people might have through Him a means of salvation from sin unto a new life.

Also, we want to take this opportunity to wish each and all the greatest New Year ever. As we approach 1945, we cannot but keep constantly in our minds and hearts the great challenge that comes to Southern Baptists in our Centennial Crusade of winning one million lost people to Christ. We hope that this new year may bring rich and bountiful blessings to all people everywhere and that we may use them in a way that will be honoring to Him who gives them to us.

See Page Nine For Little Baptist.

My constant wish for each of us during this Christmas Season and the New Year ahead:

"May ours be the Joy of Christmas
with FAITH in the Christ Child born
with HOPE for the days to be
with LOVE to God and fellow man."

EDWINA ROBINSON,
W. M. U. Department.

The Fannie Traylor Memorial

The Executive Board of the Woman's Missionary Union in its meeting in Jackson on December 11 initiated plans toward establishing a permanent memorial for its beloved executive secretary, Fannie Traylor, who was called to her eternal home on October 25, 1944.

To consider this important matter, a committee was appointed consisting of the five living past-presidents of the state W. M. U.: Mrs. A. J. Aven, Mrs. W. A. McComb, Mrs. G. W. Riley, Mrs. Ned Rice, Mrs. J. H. Street chairman.

Because of the oneness of mind and heart of the women of the state in the desire to make such a memorial expressive of the purpose and effort of Miss Traylor's devoted service, it is desirable to secure as far as possible the prayerful, far-reaching thought of her co-laborers.

To that end, the committee author- (Continued on Page Nine)

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Baptist Record To Publish A Mississippi Calendar Of Prayer

Imitating the Calendar of Prayer as promoted by the Southwide W. M. U., The Baptist Record is planning to publish a calendar of prayer for strictly Mississippi objects. Our readers are asked to clip the calendar of prayer and put it in a conspicuous place.

If our good women have found a world-wide calendar of prayer profitable why should not a Mississippi calendar of prayer be equally helpful? We believe in prayer and think that definite prayer for definite objects will (Continued on Page Five)

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Secretary McCall Will Visit South American Mission Fields

At the debt-free celebration, Mississippi Baptists expressed their appreciation of the untiring work of State Mission Secretary Dr. D. A. McCall, by presenting a check for \$1,500 to be used by him in defraying his expenses on a tour of the South American mission fields.

The money was contributed by various churches and individuals from all over the state. There was a ceiling of \$10 per church on contributions.

The chief conspirator in raising the money was John D. Davis, Convention Board president and prominent layman of Greenville. He was ably aided and abetted by the members of the Convention Board.

The Convention Board at its meeting (while Dr. McCall was "called out" on business) voted him a leave of absence with salary for the time necessary for the trip.

No date for the tour has been set but Dr. McCall plans to make the entire journey by airplane thus saving weeks of time.

Sparks & Splinters

A Baptist layman is giving \$5,000 in war bonds to the \$200,000 Mississippi Baptist hospital building campaign.

November 30 closed my first year's work with the Daniel Baptist Church. The progress the church has made during these last twelve months has been very gratifying. Our work together has been signally blessed of the Lord, and to Him we give glory. Some of the achievements of the church for this time are as follows: There has been a total of 96 new members added to the church; a baptistry has recently been installed and on Dec. 3 it was first used when 14 were immersed. Heretofore we have gone to some other church to administer the ordinance. An educational plant (two story brick) has been constructed in recent months and occupied December 3 for the first time. The church sends The Baptist Record to its homes, and contributes regularly and systematically to all our denominational enterprises. The pastor's salary is double what it was twelve months ago. The church attendance, and the attendance of all the auxiliaries have more than doubled since the first of last year. Several new organizations have been forced.—C. S. Thomas, pastor.

Pastor H. W. Roberson, Lexington, writes that his church has already considered the matter and decided to send several hundred dollars to the Mississippi Baptist Hospital building fund.

New Haven Sunday school, Copiah county, contributed \$29.90 in produce and \$9.58 in cash to the Baptist Orphanage on Thanksgiving.—Mrs. H. P. Speir, Sunday school superintendent.

The Terry church had a successful revival with Rev. T. L. Pfeifer in charge of the music and Pastor Thurman Booth doing the preaching. There were seven additions and about 150 rededications. Some of the outstanding features were departmental prayer meetings, W. M. S. week of prayer for foreign missions and Lottie Moon offering. In the two months since we came to this field we have had 15 additions. There has been an increase in interest, activities and finances of the church. The pastor's home will be dedicated in the near future.—Thurman Booth, pastor.

Editor A. L. Goodrich has been asked to serve as the denominational paper publicity chairman in the Mississippi Baptist Hospital \$200,000 building campaign.

In mailing The Baptist Record it is necessary to have metal plates for each name. Due to war conditions it is practically impossible to buy them. Names have been coming in so rapidly in the past few weeks that the mailing department has been up against it to get the plates. Mr. H. P. Shellcross, addressograph manager of New Orleans, mentioned our need to Mr. J. L. Lurens of Shell Oil Co., Norco, La. They had on hand about 600 used frames. The used frames are better than new ones. Mr. Laurens wrote us that they would be glad to send us the used frames if we would pay the express. And we were glad to do it. These frames were sent without any obligation on our part. We are saying if any of our readers have opportunity to purchase Shell products such as gas or oil, we hope they will do it, as one good turn deserves another.

Deductions from income tax may be claimed for contributions to the Mississippi Baptist Hospital building fund. War bonds may also be given.

The enrollment of thirteen new students at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, as the second term of the current session opened November 27, brought the total enrollment for the year to 624, Dr. Hugh Peterson, registrar, has announced.

God is laying the needs of the music school of Southern Seminary upon the hearts of friends. To date voluntary gifts from friends have provided the buildings and grounds and all the equipment necessary for this new department. A few days ago two pianos, practically new, were added to the equipment at a cost of \$1,900, the gift of one of our trustees. Three other friends recently sent gifts which made it possible to purchase a brand new practice pipe organ.—Ellis A. Fuller.

A great Evangelistic Crusade headed by P. J. Zondervan of the Zondervan Publishing House, was held recently in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The evangelist was Hyman Appelman and the singer J. Stratton Shufelt. Thousands came to hear the gospel story. More than 800 responded to the invitations, 400 of whom came for the first time. Hundreds have united with various churches in the city.

Mrs. A. B. Hill writes asking that The Baptist Record be sent to her husband, Chaplain Hill, who is now in Belgium. Mississippians will remember him as pastor at Bassfield and Walnut.

The Thanksgiving contribution of Marks church to the orphanage totaled \$429.37. \$269.37 of this was cash and the balance in a box.

W. E. Hudson of Rt. 2, Water Valley, is a friend in deed. He recently sent a list of 13 subscriptions from Sylarena church, Yalobusha county.

New Prospect, Lincoln county: We are making progress since our first full-time pastor has moved to the church field. He is Rev. John Wesley Burnett. Our Sunday school attendance averages about 100 in attendance. R. C. Smith is superintendent. Sixty have recently completed study course in the Training Union under leadership of Miss Eugenia Smith. Mrs. Burton Watts is president of the W. M. S. A parsonage building program has been launched which will include a heating system for both church and parsonage.—Grace Edwards, church reporter.

In a recent article concerning the coming of Rev. R. Young Gerrard to Center Terrace church, Canton, it was stated that he graduated with the Th.M. degree from the Louisville Seminary. He calls our attention to the fact that his degree is Bachelor of Divinity. We are glad to make this correction.

The First Baptist Church, Pascagoula, Mississippi, has put \$2,400 in the 1945 budget for Mississippi College.

C. Bryant Young of Sardis, has sent in another \$100 on the Patterson Memorial Fund at Mississippi College.

Congressman W. M. Whittington, of Greenwood and Washington, made a contribution of \$500 toward the endowment of Mississippi College.

Pascagoula: Watts Memorial auditorium was erected at a cost of \$17,000. It is one year old and our debt is now \$6,000. We plan to dedicate it free of debt on April 15, 1945. We received seven by letter and one for baptism on Dec. 10 and baptized three.—J. F. Brantley, pastor.

The November report of Executive Secretary Austin Crouch shows that Southwide funds for the first 11 months of the year increased by \$124,763.45 over 1943 receipts. Total contributions amounted to \$3,939,745.65. Of this amount \$2,497,527.90 went to the Cooperative Program and \$1,431,019.95 was designated. Total receipts for November 1944 amounted to \$254,493.41. The contributions from Mississippi amounted to \$15,476.54.

Mrs. J. R. Carter, for many years mother of our Baptist Orphanage recently sent her contribution to the M. O. Patterson memorial with an earnest prayer for the success of the undertaking.

One young man in combat service is allotting fifteen dollars a month for the M. O. Patterson memorial. Another is sending regular donation for the Mississippi College administration building.

Pastors W. S. Landrum and J. W. Sullivan have had the happy privilege recently of aiding some of their members in the distribution of special funds. Each of them advised that a portion be given to the M. O. Patterson memorial at Mississippi College.

During the recent session of the Convention the writer received a letter from a glider pilot in Italy asking me to use the enclosed one hundred dollars as I deemed best for the Lord's work—\$25 was put into the B. M. C. endowment, \$25 into the hospital building fund and \$50 into the M. O. Patterson memorial fund.—Bryan Simmons, promoter.

Here is a statement taken from a letter from Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Alvin L. McKnight, "I am enclosing herewith my personal check as a donation to the Patterson memorial fund. I want to have a part in this memorial fund and at the same time express my appreciation for both Mississippi College and our beloved teacher."

Houston, Tex.—The members of the St. John Baptist Church in a business meeting after the 1 o'clock service on Sunday, voted to give Rev. S. A. Pleasants, pastor for some twenty odd years, \$5,000. It's news anytime a Negro church gives a pastor \$5,000.—The Informer.

In the new income tax short form which can be filed by those making more than \$500 and less than \$5,000, a blanket deduction of 10 per cent is given for charitable contributions, interest, taxes, casualty losses, medical expenses and miscellaneous items. This form penalizes those who are tithers but full credit for your contributions can be gained by asking for and filing Form 1040. Pastors ought to inform their members about the optional forms.

Our offering for the orphans' homes has now reached \$11,650. There are some of our members who have not had a part in this offering. You surely want to share in this offering, and we urge you to attend to this matter at once. Let us have your check or cash today.—Copied from Church Chimes, bulletin of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, of which church Dr. Kyle M. Yates is pastor. (This is the largest contribution we have noted from any church for any of the orphanages in any state.)

You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving. The government will allow you to deduct 15% of your income for gifts to benevolences or charitable institutions. Have you taken advantage of this deduction? If not, why not do so now and include the Baptist Orphanage in this group?

Please be patient. The Baptist Record has on hand a large number of articles both long and short. So if your article does not appear as soon as you expect it, be as lenient with us as you can. We will get it in as soon as possible. Some articles have already waited six months.

S. A. Walker, treasurer, First church Brookhaven, sent \$420 to the Patterson Memorial Fund of Mississippi College.

A sample supply of Mississippi Baptist Hospital building campaign fund envelopes have been mailed each Mississippi Baptist Sunday school superintendent. It is hoped that these may be used in the Christmas offering. If additional envelopes are needed they may be secured from the Convention Board office.

The many friends of Dr. and Mrs. J. Wash Watts of the faculty of B. B. I. will regret to learn that their youngest son, Lt. Reid Watts, has been missing in action since September 24.

The many friends of the J. R. Hitt family of Clinton are grieved to learn that their son, Sgt. James Hitt, is missing in action since November 30. Jimmie was one of the greatest athletes to attend Mississippi College. Pref. Hitt was for years a member of the college faculty.

Rev. C. A. Parker, who recently resigned the pastorate of Petal-Harvey church, will assume the duties soon as probation officer for Forrest county, Chancellor Lester Clark announced. Parker is a graduate of Mississippi College at Clinton and of Southwestern Baptist Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas. He has done graduate work at the University of Chicago. He will have a brief period of training for his probation work with Edwin B. Ziegler, chief federal probation officer for Mississippi, at Gulfport; and with Judge Camille Kelly, Memphis.

SEASON'S BEST WISHES

In fond remembrance these Greetings wend their way to you with the prayer that the richest of heavenly blessings may rest in you and yours on CHRISTMAS DAY and every day of the NEW YEAR.

Board of Trustees, Superintendent, Faculty, and Children of The Baptist Orphanage.

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Paul's Method: "I kept back nothing that was profitable, but have shewed you and taught you publickly, and from house to house." Acts 20:20

THANK YOU

Soon after leaving the Seminary we dreamed of five trips. These trips were to refresh our ministry. One was a trip East. That came while in a Jackson pastorate in 1928—twenty-eight states, the District of Columbia and Canada, included. Another trip was West. This came in 1936 while at Philadelphia—seventeen states and Mexico. Another included Palestine, while a fourth was to include mission work in China and Japan. These were combined into one about 1937—eighteen countries in all. We were planning to take the fifth trip to South America in 1939. We had plane reservations with the Pan-American Airways. Our passport was extended, visas were working, we had had our smallpox vaccination and had taken quinine and calomel for the trip! Then came the election to the present position. The Board generously voted to allow us to continue plans for the trip, though one or two brethren stressed the great need of the work. We decided to cancel plans and give our time wholly to the work. You know the rest of the story. You may imagine something of our surprise, and our deep appreciation upon being handed a \$1,500 check Tuesday night during the Baptist Jubilee! This check was handed to us by Mr. John D. Davis, as a gift to cover the expense to these mission fields. We have not yet, at this early writing, found where all the money came from, though we know it came from Mississippi Baptist friends. We thank you sincerely, and promise to use it in trying to bring good testimony back to you. We have been passing out rather freely the testimony received on that trip around the world. Our joy in all of it is deep and abiding.

We appreciate the telegrams, phone calls, letters and verbal congratulations over the Mississippi Baptist Jubilee. They came from as far away as California, Richmond and Louisville. Many friends nearer by wrote in or sent telegrams. Thank you, everyone.

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The Convention Board meeting just held was, in our opinion, the best we have attended. We have longed for and dreamed about a truly great State Mission program. We are seeing that accomplished. Mississippi Baptists are helping under-paid pastors, needy churches, students looking for leadership, retired ministers, Negroes, Chinese, Choctaws, service men, boys and girls, men and women in various ways.

When we came into the work in 1939 our State Mission budget stood at approximately \$37,000. For 1945 it stands at \$130,000. A B. S. U. secretary has been selected, Lieutenant Chas. Horner, known to many as "Dean" Horner, formerly of Mississippi College. Now, a Brotherhood secretary and a Music Director are to be selected. Particularly, our country churches, village and town churches need help in the directing of the music life. Our men have been asking for leadership. A hospital ministry has been enlarged, associational missions is being provided for. This does not mean that all the needs are supplied, it does not mean that everybody will get all they asked for. It does mean that we are doing much of what many of us have dreamed about, though many were not sure it would ever come to pass. The money is in hand for a badly needed three-story Baptist building providing space for all our Convention Board work, and enough rental space to more than care for the overhead.

While we do not care to rehash discussions, we feel two words should be said to keep our thinking straight, and according to facts. The first answers the question whether or not Mississippi Baptists have had full opportunity to consider a Baptist building. The records answer somewhat as follows: Four or five years ago the suggestion was printed in The Baptist Record. The 1943 Convention considered the matter as may be seen by turning to page 34, paragraph 12 of the Convention Annual for that year. This item was passed to the Convention Board for action without any suggestion of referral. A special committee studied this and other items, and reported favorably to the 1943 December Board meeting. The Board passed it unanimously, placing the building responsibility upon the State Mission account. A specific recommendation was studied by the 1944 Convention Board, and passed by the 1944 Convention. These two conventions were of course composed of messengers from the churches, and in between these two conventions the matter was repeatedly referred to in our own column in The Baptist Record, as well as otherwise. Frankly, we do not see how there could be any question in the mind of anybody in this matter. Both the Convention and the Convention Board have treated the matter of the Baptist building according to regular procedure.

For our part we felt since this office serves all causes, that all causes should help erect the building. The brethren thought otherwise, and as always we played the game according to rules. Ours is just one voice, one vote, and one influence. Any other Baptist is the same.

The second question has to do with the State Mission balance. We have been so happy over it that we have spoken of it two or three times in lighter terms. This surplus was printed in plain figures in the Convention Bulletin, 1944 (see page 24), and distributed to all Board members present and to the messengers of the 1944 Convention.

We had not studied the items included and were not sure of the actual cash in hand until we were handed the figures by the bookkeeping department sometime later. The average person does not know his bank balance day by day. The only time a balance may be established on the books of this office is at the end of the month, after allocated funds are set up. We emphatically state that not one time have we kept any figure from the Convention or the Convention Board. On the other hand we have invited Mississippi Baptists to come to the office and see for themselves. We have a dependable bookkeeping department, and we do not make a double nuisance of ourself by worrying them about figures every few days. In all of this, the work of the Lord Jesus is involved, and it is in holy recognition of that fact that we are happy to make the above statement.

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:—
"LOVE NEVER FAILS"
1 Cor. 13:8b

Paul's Message: "Testifying both to the Jews, and also the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:21.

The Board left the Cooperative Program distributable funds at 40% Southwide and 60% State. We think this wise at this time with State Missions carrying such a heavy load. We think fifty percent Southwide and fifty percent Statewide to be the ideal division, but this may be obtained properly, only when more of our churches make a fifty-fifty distribution as between local church funds, and beyond local funds. In the state distribution, 20% goes for State Missions, 20% Christian Education, 9½% Baptist Hospital building fund, 6% Baptist Orphanage, 2½% Baptist Foundation, and 2% Ministerial Education. The new item, the Baptist Foundation, was provided for upon instruction of the Convention. While state missions, Christian education, and ministerial education were slightly cut in order that the hospital building fund might be cared for we see no reason why with the added Centennial Crusade efforts, these items should not receive as much money in 1945 as in 1944. Then each of these items should be put back at the highest level of income possible. The hospital only asked for this allocation for one year.

The Convention Board ordered the adjustment between one or two accounts which in 1945 will clear and straighten out every account so far as we know in our Mississippi Baptist life. These accounts do not relate to borrowed money.

The meeting of the Convention Board was decidedly the best we have attended. Seventeen new members came into the membership of the Board, and they proved themselves to be of fine spiritual calibre.

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We assumed a degree of leadership in the Mississippi Baptist Hospital \$200,000 Building Fund Campaign because we felt led of the Lord to do it—because of the peculiar and large service rendered by the hospital, and because of the fine spirit those in charge manifested in their repeated request. We did not accept it for the good of our health, nor for the good of our family, nor because it would help the work of the Convention Board office. As we have written others, within two hours after the Convention closed, Mr. D. C. Simmons, president of the Hospital Board, a most excellent Christian, was in this office talking matters over. He said something about us helping in the campaign. We regarded it as a courteous gesture, and we waived the suggestion. At the same time, right then, we had no idea of assuming leadership of another campaign as we came to the close of the Now Club campaign. Our name was first mentioned by Mr. J. S. Love, a member of the Board of Trustees and leader in the campaign, at a hospital committee meeting in this office suggested by them, looking toward organization of the campaign. Again, and this time at some length, we stated we just could not assume responsibility at the time, because we were loaded. A half dozen leaders were then decided upon and contacted, but without results. When the trustees came back the third time in such a spiritual manner they completely won us over. Of course, we were already for the hospital and those in charge. For six years one of our majors was in campaigns for a Christian Education cause, namely, refunding an indebtedness originating in that department. Therefore, we are in no sense unmindful of the two present Christian Education campaigns, but we cannot give most of our time, all the time, to one cause. The hospital is one phase of our Baptist life, and we had not done more for it than to "boost it" here and there. People get sick, suffer, and some die, while a lot of folks, many of them Christians, stand around and neglect, talk, and sometimes criticize. We thank God that a majority of Mississippi Baptists who count are not like that. They have proved themselves, by action, to be Christian men and women, who have a heart for sin sick, and body sick humanity.

The hospital campaign will go over victoriously, because MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS and their many FRIENDS have a HEART!

III

It was our privilege again to speak to the Jackson Wednesday noonday prayer meeting group. They always inspire us.

Two of our best services were with as many LeTourneau groups. Twelve lost men requested prayer. We were with Pastor J. B. Middleton and the other saints at Sardis, in a Centennial celebration. Again, this is one of our best pastors and strongest churches. The spirit of the congregation and pastor is excellent.

At the evening hour we were with another fine pastor, Brother C. H. Frye, at Ashland. This church has made rapid progress in recent years. They worship in a lovely new building.

The Delta Pastors' Conference was well attended, and the pastors gave a hearty reception to the visitors. They are a great group.

It was our privilege to speak to the W. M. U., First church, Jackson, talking in general, about missions. The members are liberal givers. Sunday night we were in the evening service. Dr. Hewitt has been helpful to us in many ways. Despite the coldest weather of the year a lot of folks were in the congregation. At the morning service of the same day we were with Pastor Van Hardin at Rolling Fork. He has fine helpers. This was another dedicatory service. Brother Hardin is giving them good leadership.

The "debt-free" celebration and Centennial Crusade preview was all that heart might wish for. Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, St. Louis, was at his best. He made us laugh, then made us cry, and best of all, made us desire to be and to do better things for our Lord. The afternoon conference with Dr. W. A. Bell, J. N. Barnette, and E. C. Williams, was largely attended. The speakers brought inspiring messages. At the evening hour Walker Jones spear-headed the attack on sadness and led in pointing the way to victory. The others added to the inspiration of the hour, as well. It seems providential that for the Crusade year ahead a dynamic group of pastors should lead us as Convention officers in the persons of Norman W. Cox, Meridian, president; W. A. Bell, Jackson, and W. L. Meadows, Quitman, vice presidents; Geo. Gay, Okolona, recording secretary.

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CHRISTMAS

There is something about Christmas that attracts us whether we be young or old.

The term "Merry Christmas" doesn't have the same meaning as it did in former years. Today many of our loved ones are far away and to some of them Christmas will only be another day of slush and slug, muck and mire, death and destruction.

Many homes that looked forward a year ago to the day when their loved ones would return, this year will have only memories of a departed one who gave his life for what we call "the land of the free and the home of the brave." Many widows and orphans and mothers and fathers cannot really enjoy this Christmas because of the absence of loved ones or because of the death or serious injury that has been the fate of many.

And while America is prosperous, with more money than ever before, let us soberly reflect on the fact that the prosperity we now have was bought by the blood, the suffering and the sacrifice of millions of people throughout the world, who have been caught in the pincers of a world war.

While we fare sumptuously on Christmas day, let us not forget that thousands are starving and a crust of bread to many would be a feast. And while we warm our hearts with the fellowship of friends and our bodies in well-heated homes, we should remember that there are millions who are shivering and suffering for lack of heat and clothing.

When we think of our comparative freedom from the ravages of war and the blessings of God which abide with us, in comparison to the wreck and ruin in other lands, making many homeless and hopeless, surely we should earnestly

thank God for His mercies. But let us not only thank Him but let us live our thanks. "Let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." I John 3:18.

So: "As merry a Christmas as possible." And may the New Year grow brighter and the war clouds become dimmer as each of us puts his trust in the Lord.

"Bless the Lord, O, my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O, my soul, and forget not all his benefits." Psalm 10:1, 2.

—BR—

THREE WISE SELECTIONS

Mississippi Baptists are to be congratulated upon the selection of three new department heads: Miss Edwina Robinson, Executive Secretary of W. M. U.; Rev. A. B. Pierce, Executive Secretary of the Baptist Foundation, and Charles W. Horner, B. S. U. secretary.

All three are good Baptists, who love the Lord, the work and the people. They not only profess Christianity but practice it.

Miss Robinson is a native of Mississippi, educated in Baptist schools, and trained in Baptist affairs. She has served acceptably as young people's leader for eleven and one-half years. Under her direction the young people's work has experienced commendable growth.

She has those qualities of leadership that promise continued growth in the work of Woman's Missionary Union. Her personality is such that people will gladly rally to her leadership. Certainly no one could so well follow in the footsteps of the universally beloved Fannie Traylor as Miss Robinson. And if the late women's leader, Miss Traylor, could have suggested her successor, no doubt she would have named Miss Robinson.

Rev. A. B. Pierce brings to the newly-created Baptist Foundation the vigor of young manhood, the experience of years in successful pastorates and an outstanding record as a promoter of stewardship.

After his Seminary days he was a successful pastor at Leitchfield and Hazard, Ky. A few years ago he returned to Mississippi as pastor at West Laurel. He went from there to Crystal Springs and two years ago to New Albany. Each pastorate was marked by unusual growth in all lines of work and especially in stewardship development.

Churches in and out of the state have called him as pastor and for stewardship revivals.

He is well-liked by those who know him and is possessed of a pleasing personality.

He has firm convictions and is willing to stand for what he believes is right.

Secretary Pierce knows how to

work and loves to do it. He is a proven leader and if we are to judge the future by the past, the Baptist Foundation, under his direction, is destined to go places.

Mr. Horner, who is an ensign in the navy, will not begin his work for several months, but such a man is worth waiting for.

While a student at the University of Kentucky, he was active in Porter Memorial church, Lexington (of which this editor was formerly pastor), and in Kentucky B. S. U. circles. A native of Texas he was educated at Georgetown College, Kentucky Baptist College and the University of Kentucky.

He came to Mississippi as a member of the Mississippi College faculty and immediately identified himself with the church as well as the college.

He is young enough to attract the support of the college students, yet old enough to command their respect.

Mississippi Baptists are fortunate to secure three good leaders at one time.

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FAITH AND WORKS

The year of 1944 will soon be history. We find ourselves rejoicing not only over the achievements of Southern Baptists, but also the success of Mississippi Baptists in wiping out the huge debt which has hung like a millstone about our necks.

Our hearts are saddened when we think of some of our losses. Dr. George W. Truett, Mrs. Carter Wright, Mrs. Henry Broach and Miss Fannie Traylor are among those who have been called to their Heavenly home. Their work lives on, but we shall continue to miss them.

From the daily papers we see that the war is taking its toll and that homes are being saddened by the death of sons or husbands. Sometimes we are prone to take a pessimistic viewpoint and say we are doomed to failure.

We should say with Paul, "Forgetting those things which are hind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13, 14).

How much easier our tasks will be if we can forget the heartaches, the disappointments and failures of 1944 and launch out with a new determination to give God our best in whatever we do.

If we endeavor to live and walk in the spirit of Christ we will see what God can accomplish through us in 1945.

Two things that we have faith to believe will be accomplished is the raising of \$200,000 for the Baptist Hospital and at least one million souls won to Christ in the South.

PAPER SHORTAGE IS ACUTE

We reproduce an item concerning a possible cut in our paper supply.

Those churches considering the **EVERY FAMILY** Plan and those individuals planning to subscribe should do so at once. There is such a thing as being too late.

WASHINGTON—The War Production Board said Wednesday that the newsprint supply may become so critical by the second quarter of 1945 as to necessitate a further cut in allotments to U. S. newspapers.

Increased military demands for paper and the requirements of the liberated areas of Europe will result in an unexpected shortage during the first six months of 1945, WPB officials said.

The additional curtailment of newsprint allocations to American newspapers may occur even earlier than April, WPB officials told members of the newspaper industry advisory committee at a recent meeting.

The possibility of another cut, to be superimposed on previous restrictions which already have reduced the size of newspapers considerably, has arisen in spite of the fact that Canada has committed itself to deliver 200,000 tons of newsprint per month, the same rate as the 1944 rate of delivery, WPB said.

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ANNUAL STUDENT NIGHT

The Student Department of the Sunday School Board has sent out suggested Student Night programs to all full-time pastors. They will be glad to send them to others upon request. The theme for the 1944 Student Night to be observed December 31 will be "Christ Supreme." All college students may participate in the program as they help with the music, take up the offering or give talks and personal testimony. Occasionally B. S. U. alumni may make worthwhile contributions to a student night program.

Looking through memory's window to our own student days and B. S. U. activities, we recall that as a student we had wondered if the home church was getting along after we had gone, and upon finding that progress was being made, the next question was, "Has the church forgotten me?"

Student night programs proved to us that our church had not forgotten us and that we could still make a contribution to the home church as we took part in that program, and that "come vacation time" a Sunday school class now taught by a teacher in public school would be waiting for us.

A student night program not only increases the students' appreciation of the home church, but it acquaints the home people with the college religious life, particularly the program of the local B. S. U.

The annual program helps to relate the work of the home church to that of the church at college; it assures parents of the denominational concern for students; and spiritual experiences

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are crystallized as students are recognized and utilized in the home church.

High school students get a vision of college life at its best as they hear messages about the program the B. S. U. is sponsoring on all campuses—Baptist, state and otherwise.

After a busy college life students crave activity and a student night program provides helpful activity for the students while at home.

An evening worship service turned over to students shows that the church is interested in her young people. The church thus manifests more than casual interest and parents and neighbors are inspired at the spiritual and mental growth the college students have made in the brief months spent in school.

Parents are reassured that worthwhile activities are provided and they with pastors and high school students are informed and inspired at the worthwhileness of college life.

Since Student Night comes this year on New Year's Eve, you may follow the worship hour with planned recreation, light refreshments, and a period for dedication, just before the clock strikes to ring out the old and ring in the New Year.

We commend to all churches and their pastors an observance of student night. This year may be your first, but we are sure it will not be your last. Many churches throughout the South have observed student night year after year.

Student night will help young and old to get ready to Crown a Century for Christ as we enter the Centennial Year.

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BAPTIST BUILDING AUTHORIZED

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plied for offices if and when the building is erected.

N. W. Overstreet, outstanding architect and prominent layman of the First Baptist Church, Jackson, is the architect.

Mr. Overstreet presented plans to the recent meeting of the Convention Board. The Board authorized the appointment of a building committee to carry out the plans. The plans submitted by the architect are tentative and will probably be revised before construction begins.

As soon as the final plans are available a picture will appear in the Record so that Mississippi Baptists may see how their building will look. The proposed Baptist building will not only add prestige to the Baptist name, but will fill a long-felt need for more space. In the present location every office is crowded and halls at times being used. Any visitor to Baptist headquarters will testify to the need of more and better room.

Due to priorities it will probably be some months before construction can begin.

New Music Teachers At Mississippi College



MISS VARDAMAN



E. N. ELSEY

Miss Jemmie Vardaman, head of the Piano Department, is a native of Brookhaven, a graduate of Whitworth when it was a standard senior college, and a graduate of Cincinnati Conservatory. Miss Vardaman has taught for a number years in Cincinnati Conservatory and resigned there when she accepted the position in Clinton. She did not seek the position here, but the position sought her. She is a brilliant pianist, and has played in concert work in practically every state in the union and in Canada. Miss Vardaman has a sister on the faculty of the Louisiana State University school of music. Mississippi College students are most fortunate in being able to study under such a talented conservatory teacher.

Mr. Ellis Neese Elsey is a native of Oklahoma and the son of a Baptist

minister. He has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Oklahoma Baptist University and a Master's Degree from Louisiana State University. While working on his degree in Baton Rouge, he was choir director in the First Baptist Church there. He had previously taught in Lawton, Oklahoma, and for five years had been minister of music in the First Baptist Church of Springfield, Missouri.

Mrs. Elsey is a piano graduate of South West Baptist College of Bolivar, Missouri, and a B. S. graduate of State Teacher's College of Springfield. She is Mr. Elsey's accompanist and helper. Mr. Elsey is director of voice, band, and Glee Club. He and Mrs. Elsey are proving to be a valuable addition, not only to Mississippi College but to the church and the town.

BAPTIST RECORD TO PUBLISH A MISSISSIPPI CALENDAR OF PRAYER

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pay rich dividends.

This is not to displace the W. M. U. prayer calendar, but to be added to it.

Jan. 1—Dr. D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary, Baptist Convention Board; Dr. N. W. Cox, President, Mississippi Baptist Convention, and John D. Davis, President, Baptist Convention Board.

Jan. 2—The W. M. U. Institutes at First church, Gulfport, on January 3, at Lorman and Richton on January 4; Miss Edna Hickman, W. M. U. field worker, and Miss Edwina Robinson, newly-elected secretary of the W. M. U.

Jan. 3—W. M. U. Institutes at Bude and Fifth Avenue, Hattiesburg, on January 5; and E. C. Williams, Sunday school secretary.

Jan. 4—W. M. U. Institutes at Silver Creek and First church, Meridian, on January 8; and Auber J. Wilds, Training Union secretary.

Jan. 5—W. M. U. Institutes at First church, Columbus, on January 9, and Rev. A. B. Pierce, Executive Secretary, the Baptist Foundation.

Jan. 6—W. W. U. Institutes at Tylertown and Okolona on January 10 and Chas. W. Horner, B. S. U. secretary-elect.

Jan. 7—Miss Eunice Sandlin, secretary to Dr. D. A. McCall, W. M. U. Institutes at Liberty and Booneville on January 11.

HOSPITAL QUESTIONS ANSWERED

The Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Mr. D. C. Simmons, chairman, answers some pertinent questions regarding services rendered at the Hospital.

First, does the Hospital do charity work?

Answer: "Last year the Mississippi Baptist Hospital did charity work in the amount of \$48,499.60. The Hospital gave medical service to crippled children in the amount of \$7,975.90 over the same period. Likewise, for the same period, the Hospital gave free medical service in the amount of \$1,036.05 to the children of the Mississippi Baptist Orphanage, the Methodist Orphanage and the Mississippi Children's Finding Society. Charity work in the amount of \$7,297.95 was given colored people."

Second, what are the sources of income of the Hospital?

Answer: "First, amounts paid for attention received by pay patients; contributions from individuals, and, third, contributions from groups as foundations, churches, and the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Third, does the Baptist Hospital receive financial support other than from Baptists?

Answer: "Naturally, the bulk of financial support comes from Baptists. However, three of the largest contributions have come from non-Baptist sources. The Powers Foundation years ago gave \$20,000. Mr. R. H. Green a few years ago made available the income from \$165,000. Mr. Garner Green contributes as a special fund \$1,500 a year. Drs. Shands and Hunters made an initial contribution to the Hospital in the amount of \$5,100."

Fourth, does the Baptist Hospital take all emergency charity cases?

Answer: "The superintendent states that she has not turned down one emergency charity case. Naturally, one hospital may not take the entire charity load for a whole state."

Fifth, what are some services rendered by the Mississippi Baptist Hospital?

Answer: "Certainly the first ministry of a hospital is to the sick, the suffering and the dying. This Hospital did 6,485 operations last year and daily cares for over 200 patients. Another great service rendered by the Baptist Hospital is in training nurses who not only minister to the sick while connected with the Hospital, but who go out upon graduation into private practice, while many go into indispensable government service to service men. The Hospital lifts the whole tone of our Mississippi life by keeping within our state outstanding men in medical service in various departments.

The Hospital renders other services, but these are some of the majors.

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E. M. CRIDER

Mr. E. M. Crider passed away on November 21 at Brookhaven after being an invalid for six years. Rev. J. L. Sullivan, pastor of Brookhaven Baptist Church, had charge of the funeral service.

The wife, three sons and four daughters survive: Mrs. B. H. Cheves, Mrs. Jack Helms, W. W. Crider, all of Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. N. C. Case, Mrs. Maybelle Glorman of Brookhaven; S. E. Crider, Pascagoula, and Rev. V. R. Crider at Paynes.

Mr. Crider was for a long time superintendent of Sunday school and also served as a faithful song leader.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, Miss.
Community Missions—Mrs. Laven Boyles, Laurel, Miss.
Vice-President—Mrs. Ned Rice, Charleston, Miss.

OUR STATE OFFICERS

President—Mrs. Webb Brame, Yazoo City, Miss.
Young People's Secty.—Miss Edwina Robinson
Stewardship—Mrs. J. B. Parker, Kosciusko, Miss.

Miss Study—Mrs. W. A. Bell, Jackson, Miss.
Margaret Fund Trustee—Mrs. D. R. Bowen, Cleveland, Miss.
Training School Trustee—Mrs. O. T. Robinson, Jackson

INSTITUTES

In order for us to be working "together" and to study our plans effectively, institutes for the study of the 1945 Year Book have been planned by your associational officers. Where three or more associations are combining for this study we will have a special guest speaker and helper. Miss Juliette Mather, our Southwide Young People's Secretary, will be in seven of the meetings. Conferences will be held for young people's leaders and counselors, as well as the conferences for W. M. S. officers and members. We are expecting a good representation from each church.

Meetings begin at 10 a. m. and close at 2:30 p. m. Each woman will bring her lunch (except at Shelby), hostess church will furnish a hot drink.

Attend the meeting nearest you.

Jan. 4—Lorman.
Jan. 5—Bude.
Jan. 8—Silver Creek.
Jan. 9—Columbia, First church.
Jan. 10—Tylertown.
Jan. 11—Liberty.
Jan. 12—Brookhaven.
Jan. 15—Kosciusko, First church.
Jan. 16—Weir.
Jan. 18—Sturgis.
Jan. 19—Macon.
Jan. 23—Noxapater.
Jan. 24—Forest.
Jan. 25—Raleigh.
(Edna Hickman, field worker, will be in these.)
Jan. 3—Gulfport, First church.
Jan. 4—Richton.
Jan. 5—Hattiesburg, 5th Avenue.
Jan. 8—Meridian, First church.
Jan. 9—Columbus, First church.
Jan. 10—Okolona.
Jan. 11—Booneville.
Jan. 12—New Albany.
Jan. 15—Senatobia.
Jan. 16—Courtland.
Jan. 17—Grenada.
Jan. 18—Shelby.
Jan. 19—Leland.
Jan. 22—McComb, First church.
Jan. 23—Jackson, Parkway church.
(Edwina Robinson will be in all of these, Miss Mather will be in the last seven listed.)

Royal Ambassadors' Banquet

Forty-seven Royal Ambassador boys and counselors met for the first annual RA banquet in the sub-story of the First Baptist Church Tuesday evening. A period of fellowship and recreation preceded the banquet. After this the boys assembled in the banquet room which was decorated with baskets of greenery, pine cones and candles. Mrs. E. L. Smith and Mrs. Victor Cartrett provided the decorations and prepared the nativity scene, using the theme, "Christmas for Christ." Misses Lora Smith and Nell Campbell arranged the tables for the guests. A two-course dinner was served. Mrs. J. B. Purvis prepared the food, assisted by Misses Smith and Campbell. The invocation was pronounced by the pastor, Dr. Henry T. Brookshire. Mrs. Brookshire was presented and gave a short talk to the RA boys. Mrs. N. H. Eudaly, educational director, explained the purpose of the Lottie Moon week of prayer and the offering. After this each boy

presented his offering before the manger and prayed silently that this money would help those in foreign countries. These gifts were received with special prayers by the counselors, J. Paul Gates for Intermediate boys; Mrs. Pauline Stanfill, Junior boys, and Mrs. Eudaly, acting counselor for West Ward RA boys. Mr. Gates gave an interesting program based on mission work in the jungles of the Amazon river. The needs on other mission fields were presented and discussed. Dr. Brookshire acknowledged receipt of a check from a former RA counselor now overseas and made special prayers for the efforts of this man. The total collection from the group was \$307.26. The boys voted to make this an annual affair at this season of the year.

Early in the morning of May 15th, we climbed into a CNAC plane bound for China. We had a good flight, no one was sick, good flying weather, and freedom from fear. In seven hours we were in Kunming, China—China at last after an absence of almost three years. Here we began our adjustments and getting acquainted with the new China. I learned to speak of money in terms of hundreds of dollars instead of fives and tens after I was laughed at for giving a tip of only ten dollars to a porter at the CNAC office. I had thought I was being generous. While in Kunming, I ate the most expensive meal of my life. A Baptist chaplain and nurse invited us to a Cantonese meal that cost \$2,800. I almost fainted when I saw the bill.

We were lucky to secure a ride with an American convoy going east. I had my first ride in a jeep and ate my first can of army field rations—and it is good! The Kunming-Kweiyang section of the Burma road goes through and over some of the loveliest mountains that I have ever seen—at the same time it is the most dangerous road I have ever traversed. Twenty-four hairpin curves brought us to the peak of a 2,000-foot mountain where we spent the night. One of the nurses in our party was riding in the lead jeep when it went over an embankment, seriously injuring both of the passengers. They were taken to a hospital in Kweiyang and Miss Wright and I remained at the China Inland Mission to help take care of the injured. Miss Williams was soon moved to India and after twenty-four days the sergeant was taken to Kunming. The sergeant died, but Miss Williams has hopes of a complete recovery.

Those of our party who succeeded in getting to Kweiyang ran into the wholesale evacuation that was ordered by the American consul occasioned by the Japanese push on Changsha and had to return to Kweichow. Now there are eight of us. Dr. Nichols, Mr. Manley Rankin, Lucy Wright, Jessie Green, Auris Pender, Wilma Weeks, Ruth Pettigrew and I, together with three Chinese workers living and working here at Tsunyi in Kweichow. This field has been worked for many years by the missionaries of the China Inland Mission, but their present staff is inadequate to take care of it, and we Southern Baptists have assumed

responsibility for the station for the duration of the war with a probability of taking it over permanently after the war. Some of our group look forward to going into the country in the Tsunyi Hsien, strengthening the existing church groups and preaching in new places. This is a New Zealand Baptist work and their church doctrine and polity are in accord with our beliefs.

Tsunyi is the second city in Kweichow province with a population of 200,000. We are being given opportunities to work in the local schools, Army Foreign Language Institute, hospital, Bureau of Natural Resources, Chekiang University, the jail, house to house visiting, medical clinic, and in the local church. Five weeks ago I began an English Bible class for the university students with seven attending. The enrollment is now 355. I have been asked to be counselor for the Student Christian Fellowship in the college. I have an English conversation class each morning from 10:00 to 11:00. The Cantonese members of this group are all studying Mandarine. We have had a wonderful response from the people. They seem to want us here! We are looking forward to a happy ministry among them, hoping that this will be the beginning of a Baptist Mission in west interior China. We all feel that God has been leading very definitely in the coming of so many of us to this place.

There are many interesting personal things that I could tell you of our life here. Living in west interior China today is like turning back the wheels of time to that of our great-grandmother's days. We refine our salt from rock salt, grind our cornmeal on a hand-turned stone; this stone is also used for making peanut butter from the peanuts that are roasted and hulled in our kitchen. By gently pouring cooled boiled water over the peanut butter and stirring it until the butter is held in suspension, we make our peanut milk. We have learned to use this milk in making cookies, cornbread, puddings and for our cereals. I am the bread-maker for the family. Last week I made 30 loaves of bread for the twelve of us. A can molasses sugar is brought in from the country which we buy and reboil for our table use. Our sugar pours even when the sun shines. Our rolled oats are dried in our front yard. If you can imagine yourself back in the past centuries before the use of kerosene, gasoline, electricity, refrigeration, and sanitary plumbing, you will have an adequate picture of our present living conditions. I shall be a much more practical minded missionary after this experience.

Yours in His service,
LORENE TILFORD.
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A JUDEAN PICTURE

The great events of all the ages,
All wisdom of the wisest sages,
Pale into less than nothingness
Beide a simple picture sweet
Upon a quiet Judean street,
When heaven smiled and bent to bless
The waiting earth that Christmas night
With priceless gifts of Hope and Light.

A manger bed—for sweet humility.

PROGRAM HOLMES COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ASSOCIATION

This meeting is to be held with Mt Pleasant Baptist Church Sunday, December 31.

The program is as follows:
10:00 o'clock—Devotional by A. H. Miller.

10:10—"The Duty of Every Church to Have a Sunday School"—Prof. G. J. Everett.

10:30—"What the Sunday School Means to the American Home"—Prof. J. G. Jacob.

10:50—"Teaching the Bible in the Sunday School"—Prof. C. W. Lorance.

11:10—"The Sunday School and the Centennial Crusade"—J. T. Skelton.

Business session.

11:30—Sermon.
The afternoon will be given to the Training Union. Everyone who comes is asked to bring dinner. The church will furnish the drinks.—Madison Flowers, chairman, program committee.

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It is not too late to remember the boys and girls of the Baptist Orphanage. Is the orphanage on your prayer list? Do you pray for the superintendent? Do you pray for the cottage mothers? Do you pray for the children?

MRS. ANNIE HARPER CHAPMAN

When Mrs. Annie Harper Chapman was called to her "Father's house of many mansions" the Brandon Woman's Missionary Union lost one of its most devoted members. Regardless of weather, as long as her health permitted, she was present, and taking an active part in all church activities. "Miss Annie," as she was affectionately called, kept the faith and fought a good fight. Even when racked with pain she managed a brave smile. She was a dear and noble soul and a blessing to all who knew her.

Whereas: It is given to few women to live and die so well beloved as "Miss Annie."

Whereas: She was one of the most kind-hearted and sweetest spirited women we have ever known.

Whereas: We loved her because of her simple, kindly, useful life.

Be it resolved: The Brandon W. M. U. is shocked and grieved at her passing.

Be it resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, one to The Baptist Record and one kept in the minutes of the W. M. U.

Signed: Mrs. R. R. Busick,
Mrs. R. D. Alliston,
Mrs. H. H. Bullock.

A mother—ultimate in human love.
The new-born Babe—the crowning purity.
The star—for hope eternal, born above—
Bright angels sing "Good will; Peace on
the earth,"
Wise men from far adore the holy birth.

The Babe still lives, the star still glows,
The gift of hope eternal grows—
Angelic lips still chant, "Good will."
Wise men have come to the manger
shrine
For ages to worship the Child divine—
Wise men are coming, coming still.
For centuries rich gifts they'll bring
As homage to the heavenly King.

—Mrs. Pearl Hubbard Steel.

Ministry to Human Need In Christ's Name!

Ministry To The Hungry . . .



Many million refugees. Multitudes are perishing. Hundreds of thousands of little children starving to death. Aid in form of food, clothing, and seed for new crops, administered by missionaries and national Christian leaders.



Ministry To The Homeless . . .

One hundred million homeless people scattered over five continents are seeking familiar faces and are begging for food and raiment and shelter. In giving to Relief we help them. Six million prisoners of war need physical and spiritual aid.

Ministry To Children . . .

Children in all war zones need food, vitamins, shelter, clothing, spiritual nurture. They are perishing all over the world. Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."



Ministry To Orphaned Missions

Until stricken Europe is able to resume its missionary work we must help provide missionaries, sustenance for native workers, drugs, books, repairs, and replacements. Many missionaries cut off from their home bases are continuing their ministry despite privation and suffering.



"God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

"Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."



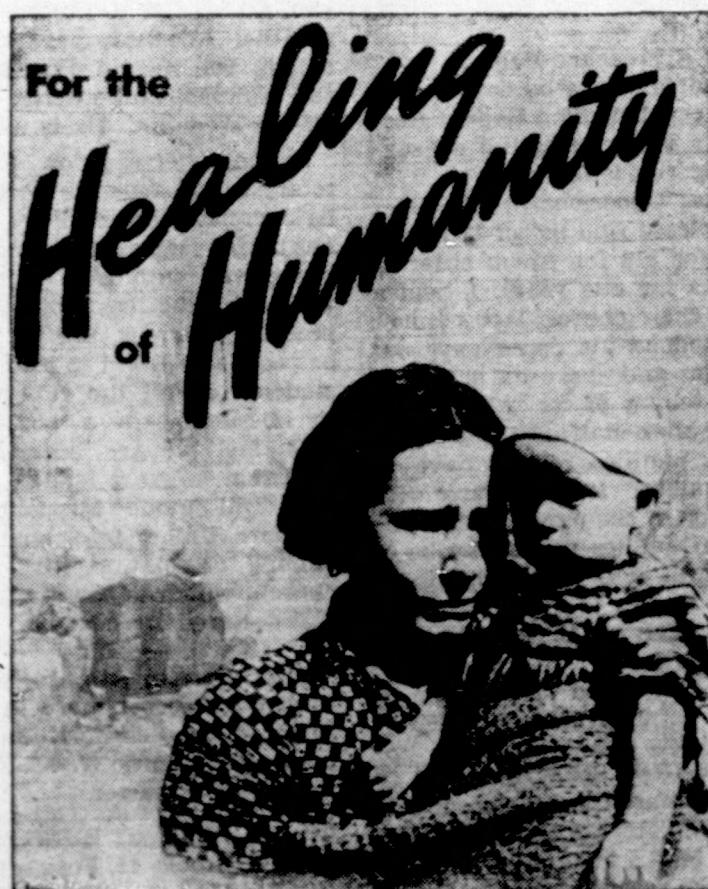
"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."
 "I was hungry and ye gave me meat;
 I was thirsty and ye gave me drink;
 I was a stranger and ye took me in;
 I was naked and ye clothed me;
 I was sick and ye visited me;
 I was in prison and ye came unto me."

There is a famine of the Scriptures in Europe. Millions of copies of the Bible have been destroyed. Prisoners of war have been furnished 443,408 copies of the Scriptures in 38 languages. Bibles, Testaments, and portions of the Scriptures printed in America and Sweden await shipment. Give the Word of God to famishing millions.

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Secretary, Dr. D. A. McCall,
Headquarters Baptist Building,
Jackson, 105, Mississippi

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Tidwell Joins 100% Club

When Pastor Dovie Tidwell likes a thing he lives it all over.

We've recently received the EVERY FAMILY list for Oak Grove church, Union county. This makes his field 100% for the Record. We are glad to add his name to the growing list of pastors all over the state who have the Record in all their churches.

Union county Record readers are now listed as follows: AMAZIAH 20, CENTER 45, Blue Springs 6, GLENFIELD 34, MYRTLE 43, NEW ALBANY FIRST 320, NEW HARMONY 42, OAK GROVE 19, WALLERVILLE 40, Unity 1, MACEDONIA 10, ELLISTOWN 51, NEELY MEMORIAL 13, Shady Grove 1, ENTERPRISE 47, PLEASANT HILL 14, Pleasant Ridge 1, BEECH SPRINGS 23, MARTIN 18, INGOMAR 19.

Bentonia

We had the privilege of assisting Pastor R. A. Eddleman at the ordination of two Bentonia deacons, C. L. Gooch and Joe Martin, Jr.

Both of these deacons are outstanding laymen and should be helpful in their new fields of service.

The work is making progress under the pastor's leadership. An increased budget is proposed for 1945 which includes several forward steps.

Yazoo county Record readers are listed as follows: ANDING 20, BENTONIA 43, BETHLEHEM 44, BLACK JACK 65, CONCORD 28, EDEN 28, HEBRON 41, LIVERPOOL 18, Melrose 6, OAK GROVE 17, OGDEN 34, OIL CITY 38, PROVIDENCE 17, Rocky Springs 9, SATARTIA 12, YAZOO CITY FIRST 178, CENTER RIDGE 20.

Special Notice

Going Places is again embarrassed. Because of the rapidly growing circulation we have been unable to mention the churches that have sent EVERY FAMILY and official family lists. We are at least 100 behind. We had hoped to catch up by December but the Convention and the necessity of an eight-page paper will not permit this. We are printing this notice and asking our EVERY FAMILY and official family churches to be patient with us and we'll get there sooner or later.

Ingomar is Number 766

One of the latest EVERY FAMILY churches is Ingomar, Union county. Rev H. G. West is pastor. Pastor West having tried the EVERY FAMILY Plan at Ecru covets it for all his work.

Record readers in Union county are now listed as follows: AMAZIAH 20, CENTER 45, INGOMAR 90, Blue Springs 6, GLENFIELD 34, MYRTLE 43, NEW ALBANY FIRST 321, NEW HARMONY 44, Oak Grove 1, WALLERVILLE 39, Unity 1, MACEDONIA 10, ELLISTOWN 51, NEELY MEMORIAL 13, SHADY GROVE 1, ENTERPRISE 47, PLEASANT HILL 14, Pleasant Ridge 1, MARTIN 18, BEECH SPRINGS 23.

Why Not An "EVERY FAMILY" Association?

(Make It Several—A. L. G.)

We have received a letter from Brother Goodrich, the editor of The Baptist Record, in which he gives the following list of the churches in the association with the number of Baptist Records going to each:

BETHEL 12, CALvary 33, ELLISON RIDGE 69, ENON 24, Good Hope 6, Harmony 11, LIBERTY 35, LOUISVILLE 294, MURPHY CREEK 27, NOXAPATER 55, Oak Grove 11, POP-LAR FLAT 16, SHILOH 31, UNION RIDGE 13, Holly Grove 9, EVERGREEN 43, MACEDONIA 40, EAST LOUISVILLE 15.

That leaves eight churches that are not receiving the Record at all. Namely: Antioch, Hopewell, Gum Branch, Yellow Creek, Hinze, Sardis, Dry Creek.

There may be some error in this, but all of our churches ought to be in the "EVERY FAMILY Plan." Two weeks ago, it was announced that the Newton County Association was the first association in the state in which all the churches of the association were getting the Record on the EVERY FAMILY Plan. We believe that Winston County Association can do as well as Newton county, and it would mean a great force in the work of our association if every family in the association were receiving and reading The Baptist Record.—Dr. J. E. Carter, Winston county associational missionary.

How a Preacher Helped

To any fearful soul who doubts that a preacher can help The Baptist Record during a revival meeting we suggest reading the letter below:

Dear Brother Goodrich:

Inclosed please find list of 13 names and check for \$13 for which enter as subscriptions for one year. I held a meeting at their church last summer and to introduce the paper gave out sample copies and spoke on behalf of the paper, telling of its value. This list is more than half of the number of resident families. They have 23 resident families. In the course of a year's reading of the paper, I feel confident more families will subscribe or the church will enter subscriptions for them.

I hope you can get these names entered for this week.

With every good wish,
JACOB A. OUSLEY.

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New Hope Sends List

New Hope church in Marion county is one of the latest EVERY FAMILY churches. Mrs. Mamie Lou Hall, church clerk, recently sent a list of 30. Church by church The Baptist Record subscription list continues to grow.

Marion county Record readers are



HORNER ACCEPTS BSU WORK

Ensign Charles W. Horner has been elected Baptist Student Union secretary of Mississippi, according to announcement made at the "Jubilee" on December 12. The new B. S. U. leader left his job as assistant professor of English and dean of men at Mississippi College to enlist in the service of his country in 1942 as apprentice seaman. He is now an ensign and is in line for early promotion to lieutenant (j.g.). "Dean" Horner, as he is affectionately known to Baptist students in Mississippi, is admirably fitted to fill his new assignment, being possessed of an attractive personality coupled with deep devotion to principle. He enjoys the esteem of all the college groups with whom he has worked. He was born in Dallas, Tex., son of Rev. W. W. Horner, who has held pastorates in Dallas, Louisville, Nashville and New Orleans. The new secretary received his educational training in Kentucky where he was active in B. S. U. circles at Georgetown College, where he received his A.B. degree, and at the University of Kentucky where he received his Master's. Ensign Horner served as editor of county weeklies for some months before securing his master's and entering the educational realm. He served as publicity director for Campbellsville College in Kentucky, for fifteen months. At Mississippi College he was among the most influential men on the campus, and greatly beloved by all the students. He is unmarried.

Serving overseas now, the new secretary will assume his work as soon as he completes his military duties. He has been overseas seven months. Having served with men in uniform as well as having lived with them on the peacetime campus, Ensign Horner will be peculiarly fitted to lead the Baptist students on all the college campuses in Mississippi in a post-war world. "We feel we are securing a great Christian, a great leader, and a man who will guide Mississippi Baptist Student Union into that close and abiding association with every local church, which is the aim of the B. S. U." declared Dr. McCall.

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First church, Atlanta, Ga., expects to give \$15,000 or more to the chapel fund of the Southern Baptist Seminary. Dr. James W. Middleton, Mississippian, is pastor.

listed as follows: BUNKER HILL 93, First Columbia 15, Foxworth 14, EAST COLUMBIA 51, GOSS 71, GREENVILLE 19, IMPROVE 50, KOKOMO 50, OLOH 45, Hickory Grove 8, NEW HOPE 30, Hub 1, NORTH COLUMBIA 15, EDNA 27.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR DEC. 31

Dr. M. E. Dodd, General Director
Centennial Evangelistic Crusade

A suggested outline of program for the services of Contrition, Confession and Consecration in all Southern Baptist churches, on Lord's Day, December 31, in preparation for the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade to win a million souls to Christ.

Scriptures to be used: Joshua 7:13-26; 2 Chron. 7:14; Psalm 51; I John 1:9; James 5:16.

9 a. m.—All Sunday School Officers and Teachers.

The superintendent announces: "This is the first service for the winning of our part of one million souls to Christ during the Southern Baptist Convention Centennial year (1945). The Crusade leadership has requested that each officer and teacher of the Sunday school win at least one soul during the year, and that they make every effort to win one each quarter, or each month. In order to do this, it is necessary for those of us who are Sunday school officers and teachers to be:

"(1) Right in their own hearts, (2) Right with each other, and (3) Right with God.

"The Bible instruction on these matters is in James 5:16 and I John 1:9, which I now read."

Pause for open confessions which anyone will make.

Then, all get on their knees and spend remainder of the period in prayer, paying for each other, praying for all the pupils in the Sunday school who are lost, and praying for the Southwide Crusade.

9:30 a. m.—In Departments and Organized Classes.

After 15 minutes for devotional period, taking of records and necessary announcements, the superintendent or class president or teacher should repeat the above program, with additional emphasis upon:

(1) Contrition, which means deep sorrow for all sin, (2) Confession which means acknowledgement with request for forgiveness to individual, or group sinned against and to God, and; (3) Consecration, which means the giving of self wholly to the Saviour and filling the life fully in service to God.

11 a. m.—The Congregation and Choir Sing Songs of Penitence.

The pastor preaches on some kindred theme and calls the people to their knees in contrition, confession and consecration. He announces that the church house will be open all the afternoon and urges the members who are present to go out and get members of the church who are backslidden and indifferent to the church to come with them to the church house for an hour of prayer and meditation during the afternoon.

6:15 p. m.—Training Union and Brotherhood Services of Contrition, Confession and Consecration.

7:30 p. m.—B. S. U. Annual Service.
8:30-10:30 p. m.—Fellowship Period in Social Rooms, with spiritual singing and personal conversation on church and spiritual things.

10:00-11:00 p. m.—Testimony Meeting in the Auditorium.

This is for everybody to give a testimony on "God's Goodness to Me and Mine During 1944."

11:00-12:00 Midnight—Songs, Scripture Reading and Sermon on Consecration.

This service ending on bended knees at 12:01. New Year's Greetings and personal covenant with each other to dedicate the whole year to the service of the Saviour.

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There have been 1,109 additions to the First church, Atlanta, Ga., during the first two years of the pastor of Dr. James W. Middleton. Dr. Middleton is a Mississippian and was formerly pastor at Clinton.

THE LITTLE BAPTIST
 BY J. M. MARTIN

(With special permission of the Sunday School Board at Nashville, we present this story by J. M. Martin, a popular narrative. Follow it weekly. The book, *The Little Baptist*, may be purchased from your Baptist Book Store.—Editor.)

Frank, who had been listening to these remarks, asked, "What is faith Aunt Polly?"

"Lor, chile," said she, "dat's de easiest thing 'splained in de world. It is to take God at His word; to trust in His promises; to hold fast, an' never let Him go. We don't try to do nothin' 'ceptin' we have faith, but wid faith we can do all things. Now don't you remember, chile, when you was drivin' out in de carriage, an' coming to de old bridge on de creek, you were afraid to cross it. You thought maybe it was rotten, so you didn't have faith in it; an' you was gwine to hunt some oder way home, but a man happened to come along an' told you dat de bridge was s. 'nd an' safe, so you took his word for the truth; you have faith, you 'pend on de bridge, you drive on it, and come over safe an' sound. Now your faith caused you to go forward an' get over de creek, an' dat's what I calls saving faith. Christ is able to save everybody, an' if we have faith to venture on Him, He will carry us safely over de stream of death, to do promised, land, but if we have no faith in Him an' try to find some oder way, He will not take us over no more dan de bridge did you while you would not venture on it for lack of faith. Long time ago I didn't have faith, den I sees heaps of troubles. I felt date I was lost, an' didn't know how to find de way; but when I have faith, my troubles all gone, an' I feel glad. To have faith is to 'pend on de Saviour, to trust Him, have confidence in Him an' venture on Him an' never let Him go."

"O, yes, Aunt Polly," said Frank, "that all sounds very nice—it's quite an easy way, perhaps; but I thought that awhile ago you were going to be saved by obedience—by obeying the commands. Is not this your doctrine?"

"Lor, chile," said she, "whenever you have faith, an' 'pend on de Saviour, an' feel dat your sins are pardoned, den you gwine to love dat Saviour an' try to 'bey Him—dat's de gospel, chile. Den you'll want to be baptized, too, because He has commanded it. But people who go an' be baptized, an' 'bey de commands, all because dey 'fraid of going to hell, won't never get in heaven for dat—now dat's shore. Long ago, when 'us culled' folks were in slavery, on ole Master's plantation, some of de niggers 'beyed orders an' (part of de time) worked first-rate, just because dey were 'fraid of de lash; but dem were de meanest niggers on de plantation; you couldn't trust dem out of your sight. But some of 'em loved ole Master, an' delighted in 'beying orders an' working for him. Because dey loved him dey wanted to please him. Dem niggers would do to trust anywhere. An' dat's de way it is about serving de Lord. All dat jes' 'beys commands 'cause dey 'fraid of hell, or to please de world or make 'emselves popular, don't love God—have no confidence in Him, and He has no confidence in dem. Dey are hypocrites—an' dat's what's de matter."

Aunt Polly was conscientiously

MARGARET RHODES REDDEN



Margaret Rhodes Redden, nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Redden of Pace, Miss., has not been tardy or absent from Sunday school for the past five years.

honest, and her deportment showed her to be a genuine Christian. One of the features distinguishing the ushering in of the Christian era, was "the poor have the gospel preached unto them"; and a highly commendable feature of that gospel, is, that it is plain and simple that the unlettered, as well as the learned, may comprehend its principles and realize its benefits. Of Christ it is said, "the common people heard Him gladly." While Aunt Polly could not read the Bible, enough of it had been taught to her for her to understand the principles of the gospel plan of salvation; and in relation to the experimental evidences of Christianity, she knew as much as the wisest; for Jesus said of His people, "they shall be all taught of God." She walked by faith, trusting to the internal evidences of the Spirit to assure her of her acceptance with God; and with a never flagging hope pointing her mind upward and a zeal for the Master's cause that never grew cold, she went humbly forward in the discharge of her duties, bearing daily testimony to the truth, that true religion has in it a power to control the conduct of its possessors. She was one of the few of her race that abhorred the wild fanaticism that so frequently characterizes their meetings, and adhered to a consistent life of faith and humility. She accepted her sphere in life; tried to do her duty to both God and man; and had the confidence of all who knew her.

Those who choose one sect because of its aristocracy, and reject another because of the humble sphere of some of its adherents, may learn a lesson from this incident related by Mr. Spurgeon: An aristocratic professor of the religion of the humble Saviour, was on her death-bed, and her pastor came to comfort her. As he talked to her of that glorious heaven in which she hoped soon to dwell, she interrupted him by saying: "My dear pastor, are there not two places in heaven? One for me, and one for Betsey in the kitchen? She is so unrefined!" The pertinent answer was: "You need not concern yourself, my sister, about the arrangements in heaven, for you will never get there unless you get clear of your cursed pride."

OBSERVATIONS OF THE RECENT CONVENTION BY ITS OLDEST MEMBER
 J. W. Lee

Whereunto shall I liken the recent Convention? I will liken many preceding Conventions to a pack of hounds, each one of which had dragged a heavy block while in the chase. I will liken the recent Convention to that same pack with their blocks off.

For many years the loyal cooperating Mississippi Baptists have gone about their Convention tasks with the block of debt about our necks.

We have launched "debt paying campaign" after campaign, none of which was a success. We have organized "clubs" and promoted them at much expense to pay debts. We have thought about and worried ourselves sick over Convention debts in our wakeful hours and had nightmares over them in sleep. Indeed we had a weight which beset us.

After our many failures to get money to pay debts many said: "We cannot pay them. The best we can do is to keep our creditors satisfied with interest and pay little by little out of the Cooperative Program." But a period of financial prosperity came, brought on by the bloodiest war the world has ever seen. No one could foresee this period of prosperity when our debts were at their peak. When our beloved secretary announced that we were safe in setting December 12 for a "debt free celebration," everybody was happy. The cloud occasioned by debt vanished. The sun burst forth in glory and warmth once more. The winter was over. Spring had come. The flowers bloomed again. Everyone seemed to shout: "Come on boys. We have laid aside the weight that slowed our pace. Let us run with a speed impossible heretofore. Let's do something worthwhile for Jesus."

However this determined, happy spirit came dangerously near causing us to do a thing hundreds of us had repeatedly said we would never do again, viz: **go back into debt**. When those in charge of our hospital in Jackson told us that the aisles and offices were filled with cots and every room and cot were occupied and the sick and suffering were turned away almost hourly because there was not even room for a cot, it touched our hearts. When they asked for authority to borrow \$200,000 to enlarge the building and otherwise meet this most urgent need it was hard to say: "**No we must not go back in debt.**" When we thought of the needs of the hospital our hearts said: "Let's get the money at any cost." But when we thought of the debt that had hurt the cause of Christ for so many years, our better judgment said: "**Stay out of debt**, pay as you go, contribute the money before you spend it." The request of the hospital authorities did not fall on deaf ears. One good brother said he would give \$2,000 on the pay as you go plan to meet the needs of the hospital.

By a very small majority the pay as you go plan was adopted. This I am sure will meet the approval of a vast majority of Mississippi Baptists who gave sacrificially to pay denominational debts. They are tired of "campaigns to pay debts" that don't pay them.

They are likewise tired of joining debt paying "clubs."

I am the oldest member of the Convention. I have attended all except three (3) sessions of the body since 1885. I have taken an active

KENNA TO HELP CAMPAIGN FOR BAPTIST HOSPITAL

E. D. Kenna, director of the Mississippi Highway Commission, has accepted the chairmanship of the city of Jackson division in the campaign to raise \$100,000 of the \$200,000 needed for expansion at the Mississippi Baptist Hospital in Jackson. Other divisional directors are: S. E. Sumrall, of Bay Springs; C. Z. Holland, of Canton; Jas. Sullivan, of Brookhaven; J. B. Ray, of New Albany; J. R. Reedy, of Eupora, and C. J. Olander of Morgan City. All local pastors are directors in their churches.

THE CHURCH IS ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT MONEY

How often are we warned, "Don't say too much about money and work. You might offend someone." I notice that the United States government entertains no such fears. Many times a day we hear, "Give, give, give" and "Buy bonds, buy bonds, buy bonds." And lest any fail to respond, taxes of many kinds are imposed. But no one suggests that patriotism may wane or patriots become offended. Likewise any church which follows its Lord's example will continue to talk "money" and to urge its people to "give until it hurts" and to keep on giving until it stops hurting. If any be offended, let him read his New Testament.

—The Scroll, Hartford, Conn.

FOUNDATION SELECTS
A. B. PIERCE

(Continued from Page One) is an A. B. graduate of Mississippi College and a Th.M. graduate of Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

After graduating from the Seminary he was called to Leitchfield, Kentucky, and then to Hazard, Kentucky. In 1935 he returned to Mississippi serving the following churches: West Laurel, one and one-half years; Crystal Springs, five years, and New Albany, two years.

The ministry of Mr. Pierce has been noted for emphasis on evangelism, stewardship and the development of latent talent in his churches. He has been in much demand for evangelistic and stewardship revivals.

He will be available to preach in the churches, speak to associational meetings and pastors' conferences.

THE FANNIE TRAYLOR MEMORIAL

(Continued from Page One) ized the notice of its first meeting to be published in the Record, to be followed by that of developing plans from time to time.

A letter is to be prepared and sent to every missionary society in the state which will present the purpose of the project, some aims already suggested and a request for a reply giving reactions and possible suggestions. Such reply to be sent to the committee in care of W. M. U. office at Baptist headquarters, at the earliest possible date.

MRS. G. W. RILEY,
For the Committee.

part in every campaign to pay debts and after long observation and much experience I unhesitatingly say that the Convention acted wisely in saying: "pay as you go" to the first appeal for authority to borrow money since throwing off the shackles of debt. The Convention did not say to the hospital trustees: "You must make out with what you have." The Convention simply said: "Build what you need and secure the money in cash and not by a bond issue."



Baptist Training Union

BOX 530 — JACKSON, 105, MISS.

"WHAT IS CHRISTMAS?"

"What is Christmas?" I asked my soul, and this answer came back to me, "Ah, it is the glory of heaven come down in the hearts of humanity. Come in the spirit and heart of a child, and it matters not what we share At Christmas; it is not Christmas at all, unless the Christ Child is there."

"It is not a parade of in the name of Christ, and the giving of beautiful things It's the infinite love of God in heaven, and the choir in the sky that sings Of peace on earth, good will toward men, and a child in a stable bare, And Christmas is never Christmas at all unless the Christ Child is there."

—Selected.

The Training Union Department extends best wishes to all of you for a Christmas and holiday season filled with love and happiness and with a keen sense of His presence with you on this glorious occasion that marks the beginning of a new era in which abundant life is offered to all who seek it.

ANOTHER BIG EVENT THIS YEAR

Every pastor and leader in Training Union work should have received an envelope of material from the Training Union Department last week. In the envelope was a program of our State Training Union Convention. Last week's Record carried the program. This is to remind you again that we will be looking for somebody from your church—hope it can be you—to attend this convention—First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., Thursday, December 28. It will be just a one-day meeting. We have packed into this day a world of good things. Pray for the meeting even if you cannot attend it.

Some churches find the holiday season a splendid one in which to have a study course. Young people home for the holidays count it a joy to teach it. Try it in your church this year.

WILL YOUR UNION BE STANDARD THIS QUARTER?

Two more Sundays and the last quarter of 1944 closes. Will your union be standard? Directors have received a report blank for letting us have his report. Individual unions will find the report blank in the back of the quarterly. Please use these and let us have a report from every union. We want the report even though the union has not reached the standard.

When you make out your quarterly report let your union know what it is.



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Let them know wherein they have failed, if they have, encourage them to strengthen the weak places. Give them some suggestions of HOW they may do this.

Do you believe in setting goals? Why not set some for the coming year Let one of them be for the union to reach the standard the very first quarter of the year. Other unions reach it, **YOURS CAN.**

MAIN STREET, HATTIESBURG, REPORTS PROGRESS

Thanks to Mrs. B. E. Hudson for a good report on the Training Union of Main Street church, Hattiesburg. Mrs. Hudson writes that all officers for the new year are elected and things have gotten off to a good start. Her word of appreciation of the faithfulness of their pastor is noteworthy. Quoting Mrs. Hudson: "Since the enlargement campaign a little over a year ago we have had three adult unions. We have a department director and have an opening session together each Sunday. We recently studied the book *Living Abundantly*. Mrs. E. C. Fishel, our director, taught it. The union I am a member of, the 'David Livingstone Union,' is almost 100% each Sunday." We are grateful for this word from Main Street.

Will your union be definitely in the Evangelistic Crusade in 1945? One of the major plans in it is for every church to teach a soul winning course early in the year.

Just remember, no one else is going to do your job.

LINCOLN ASSOCIATION ALL SET FOR 1945

Miss Blake Nations, associational Training Union secretary for Lincoln county, reports that they have their officers all elected and plans for the new year made and started. In their regular meeting in November they had 225 present representing ten churches. Eight preachers were there to give their support to the program. Mrs. H. P. McCormick, missionary to Africa, was guest speaker for the occasion. The meeting was held with the Moaks Creek church. They go to Macedonia, one of the largest rural churches in the Southern Baptist Convention, for their next meeting.

WHERE IS YOUR HAT?

After watching the slow, lefthanded strokes of the paint brush in the hand of an old negro the bystander said, "Do you always paint with your left hand?" The old man slowly drawled, "Law, ma'am, no! but today I got my hat in the other hand."—First Biloxi BTU News.

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Christmas

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Luke 2:7-14.

The Christmas Star

High in the heavens a single star
Of pure, imperishable light,
Out on the desert strange and far,
Dim riders riding through the night;
Above a hilltop sudden song
Like silver trumpets down the sky—
And all to welcome One so young
He scarce could lift a cry!

Stars rise and set, that star shines on;
Songs fail, but still that music beats
Through all the ages come and gone,
In lane and field and city street.
And we who catch the Christmas
gleam,
Watching with children on the hill,
We know, we know it is no dream—
He stands among us still.

—Nancy Byrd Turner.

Christ and His Church

I found a lonely church one day,
I found a peace divine;
For in that lonely church that day
I took the Lord as mine.

There was no earthly crowd to see
His heavenly presence there,
But I in my humility
Could see Him everywhere.

I saw Him at the altar kneel,
I heard Him sweetly sing;
And ever as I watched Him there,
His pleas did angels bring.

Oh, that I should always kneel as He,
That I should ever sing;
That I should read His guiding book
If I would please the King.

I found a lonely church one day,
I found a peace divine;
For in that lonely church that day
I took the Lord as mine.

—Margaret Williams.

This Christmas Season

As we approach another Christmas season, we covet the pleasure and privilege of wishing to each and all a most joyous and happy Christmas. We hope that your Christmas may be all that it should be in the name of Him who gave it to us. May His blessings be given in abundance to all

in the many countries of the world, and even to those who know not Him who gives release from sin and hope of a new life through faith and trust in Him.

We also want to take this opportunity to express our most sincere thanks to all those who have made any contribution whatsoever this year to the work we have tried to promote. We have had a great year in many ways. The Lord has blessed us abundantly. There has been an increase over last year in every phase of our work. To all who have helped us make this fine record we want to say most heartily, "Thank you."

Please Note

Beginning April 1, the Scripture text, the daily Bible readings, and a brief development of the lesson will be carried in The Sunday School Builder.

These features were left out of The Builder as of October 1, 1944, and the pastors and Sunday school superintendents were referred to the Teacher for the lesson text and the exposition of the lesson.

A survey shows that the majority of the pastors and the Sunday school superintendents prefer that these features be carried in The Builder again. We are glad to do this.

We invite all pastors and Sunday school superintendents to look for this feature in the April issue of The Builder.

J. N. Barnette, Secretary
The Sunday School Department.

November Standards

Schools: Tupelo-Calvary Dr. F. M. Powell, pastor, Medford Leake, superintendent; Mantee, Rev. C. L. Boland, pastor, Hiram Barefoot, superintendent; State Line, Rev. T. E. Swearingen, pastor, Mrs. G. A. McLaurin, superintendent.

Departments: Nursery No. 2, Kosciusko-First, Mrs. J. C. Maxwell, superintendent; Beginner, Starkville-First, Mrs. C. A. Hogan, superintendent; Primary, Philadelphia, Mrs. Kay Walton, superintendent; Primary, Jackson-First, Mrs. Harvey Garrison, superintendent; Primary, Canton-First, Miss Nell Thompson superintendent; Junior, Philadelphia, Miss Zula Walton, superintendent; Intermediate, Louisville, Mrs. R. B. Fulcher, superintendent.

Classes: Louisville Intermediates—13 year old boys, E. E. Reynolds, teacher; Followers, Mrs. M. L. Kerr; 14 year girls, Mrs. W. H. Fancher; Pure Gold, Mrs. H. C. Coggin; Young Christians, Earl J. Webb; Comrades, Mrs. George R. Ivy; Aviators, T. Z. Brown.

To one and all of the leaders of these standard units we express sincerest congratulations. This is the first standard nursery department in the state under the new set-up. Some of these other standard units are on for the first time, while others are repeating. Anyway, whether the first time or not, it is a distinct achievement to standardize any unit of the work.

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By
Marine Staff Sergeant Al M. Elewitz

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC—(Delayed)—A musically-gifted North Carolina marine, Technical Sergeant George Franklin Draughon, has the distinction of being the only warranted marine corps chaplain's assistant serving in the Asiatic-Pacific war theatre. "Follow the Bible and you can't go wrong," is Sergeant Draughon's philosophy. He is serving as assistant to Captain Herbert Dumstrey (ChC), USN, chief chaplain of units under the command of Lieutenant General Holland M. Smith's Fleet Marine Force, Pacific.

His duties include assisting chaplains in conducting services and Bible classes. He also provides the accompaniment for church singing.

A church worker of long standing is 27-year-old Sergeant Draughon of Dunn, N. C. He became interested in church affairs as soon as he was old enough to know what the church meant. His accomplishments include serving as assistant director of the Young People's Choir and active lead-

ALABAMA BAPTISTS WOULD SEND MISSIONARIES INTO RUSSIA AFTER WAR

Birmingham, Ala.—(RNS)—The Alabama State Baptist Convention, at its annual three-day session here, expressed the hope that it would be possible to send missionaries into Russia after the war.

Although no definite plans were made, it was pointed out that there are more Baptists in Russia than any other Protestant denomination, and that the Foreign Missions Board was at present setting aside funds against the time when work may be launched in the Soviet Union.

It was announced that more than \$1,000,000 had been contributed to all mission causes by 2,300 churches in the state last year.

Immediate objectives adopted by the Convention were the freeing of all church institutions from debt, attainment of a goal of 75,000 new members during 1945, and a larger and more adequate missionary program.

ership in the Baptist Training Union in his home church. He found time to teach Sunday school while receiving his musical training from a private tutor. In addition to being a talented organist and piano player, he has proved his ability as a repairman.

Sergeant Draughon spent nine of his 17 months overseas in American Samoa, where he served with a mobile hospital unit. There he assisted in carrying on an occupational therapy handcraft program for patients. He adapted native methods for making handcraft. The result was commendable work in carving, weaving and painting by his patient-students who were recuperating from war fatigue.

Sergeant Draughon joined the marine corps in December 1942. He is the only assistant chaplain in this area who was indoctrinated in this type of work at Parris Island, S. C. His two brothers, Major John G. Draughon and Sergeant Willie R. Draughon, are serving in the U. S. Army.

(Editor's note: Sergeant Draughon is a first cousin of the editor's secretary, Miss Elizabeth Draughon.)

SALVATION

J. A. Austin, Coldwater

How do we receive salvation? By the receiving of Jesus as Lord and Saviour. Christians are known and judged by their fruits. "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit."

Our God is the God of salvation. Behold, "now is the day of salvation." "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Why not receive our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, today for salvation? We need salvation now. Lord, give us salvation!

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Drs. J. G. Chastain and B. D. Gray, the oldest of Mississippi College alumni have sent contributions for the M. O. Patterson memorial fund. The younger should follow suit.

UNION DEDICATES BUILDING

Climaxing fifteen years of endeavor the First Baptist Church of Union, Mississippi, is paid for. The final note was burned a few weeks ago at the eleven o'clock hour by W. R. Moore, only living charter member of the church which was organized in 1885.

Rev. G. O. Parker of Magee, Mississippi, former pastor at Union under whom the new building was erected during 1929, delivered the dedicatory sermon. He recalled the fire and water damage to the old church building which brought about the erection of the present house. He concluded with a challenge that a milepost has been passed and that the church is now ready to accomplish something for the Lord as it presses onward.

A special song, "Bless This Thy Church, O God," sung by Mrs. W. P. Cassell, created the prayerful atmosphere during the service.

The prayer of dedication was offered by Dr. L. B. Cobb of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, another former pastor. Before his prayer the present pastor, Rev. John Ira Hill, conducted the ceremony of burning the note. Mrs. I. A. Haley, wife of a deceased pastor, helped with the ritual while Mr. Moore held the note as it burned. The Rev. Parker ignited the note from lighted candles which symbolized the charter members who have passed on. As Dr. Cobb offered the dedicatory prayer the congregation kneeled as it pledged itself to future service for the Lord.

Dr. D. A. McCall, state secretary, gave the benediction after Rev. Hill had outlined plans for the future of the church.

In the afternoon a Tea and Open House honoring the visiting ministers and former church members was held in the basement of the church building by the women of the W. M. U.

Dr. Cobb delivered an inspiring message at the evening worship service.

It was a great day for the people at Union. They are looking forward to a richer and fuller service for the Master.—Mrs. Ruth M. Hill, educational secretary.

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MRS. CALLIE SMITH

The Brandon Baptist Woman's Missionary Union is shocked and grieved by the passing of its oldest and one of its most beloved members, Mrs. Callie Smith. Although unable to attend any of its functions for the past few years, she was always interested in any undertaking and always looked forward to sending in her offering. It can truly be said that her church was her life. She, with her late husband, played an important part in the organization of several churches.

Whereas: She was a good friend, ever ready to help each of us, we feel that we have sustained a personal loss.

Whereas: We feel that "good and faithful servant" could well characterize her. She was a good woman; always faithful to any charge. Her last years were spent in helping to care for an invalid daughter.

Whereas: "Grandma Smith," as she was affectionately called, had many of the Christian graces, kindness, humility, faith, love, and many more. She will truly be missed.

Whereas: It is given to few women to live and die so well beloved of all who knew her as was "Grandma Smith," likewise few are the women who deserve the love of everyone as did she. Be it resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, one sent to The Baptist Record, and one kept in the minutes of the W. M. U.

Signed:

MRS. R. R. BUSICK,
MRS. R. D. ALLISTON.



DR. J. NILES PUCKETT

Dr. J. Niles Puckett, pastor, Durant Baptist Church, president Mississippi Baptist Training Union Convention, will preside at the annual session of the convention to be held with First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss. December 28, 1944.

HOME BOARD SELECTS
SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Fred Eastham, former pastor of the First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Texas, has accepted the superintendency of evangelism with the Home Mission Board and entered upon his new work December 15, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, the board's executive secretary, has announced.

Dr. Eastham will be associated with Dr. M. E. Dodd in the promotion of the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade, Dr. Lawrence said. Special attention will be given to evangelism by radio as Dr. Eastham continues the broadcast of an evangelistic service each Sunday morning over KWFT, Wichita Falls station at 620 on the dial.

This Sunday morning service which Dr. Eastham conducted for four years in his Wichita Falls pastorate now reaches an estimated average weekly audience of 100,000 with an almost complete coverage of six southwestern states.

Dr. Eastham will remain in Wichita Falls at least temporarily so as to devote most of his time to the southwest and in order to be able to continue his Sunday morning broadcasts from the pulpit of the churches in which he will be engaged in evangelistic meetings.

In his eight-year pastorate at Wichita Falls, Dr. Eastham's leadership was blessed with an increase in membership from 2,500 to over 4,000. He led the church to pay all debts on its splendid property now valued at over a half million. The church's budget gifts to missions and benevolences were increased to 36 per cent.

Dr. Eastham was elected superintendent of evangelism by the Home Mission Board at its annual meeting on November 29. He comes to a position vacant for two years, succeeding Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, now pastor of the First Baptist Church, Tampa, Florida.

A native of Texas, trained at Hardin-Simmons University and Baptist Bible Institute, Dr. Eastham has served churches in Texas for over a score of years. The honorary degree of doctor of divinity was conferred upon him by Hardin-Simmons University.

THE 1944 HANDBOOK COMES
FROM THE PRESS

After more than six weeks' delay, the Southern Baptist Handbook for 1944 is scheduled to come from the press November 15, 1944. Since we are to have a Centennial Handbook, which will come from the press May 1, 1945, and since we are very scarce of book paper, we seriously sought to dispense with the 1944 Handbook entirely. Four special considerations, however, left us no choice in the matter:

1. We have learned, to our sorrow, that, unless Southern Baptists are willing to see themselves and their work misunderstood, misrepresented and caricatured all over the nation, we must publish our own official statistics every year, no matter what the cost.

2. The plans and program for our Centennial Crusade to be conducted throughout the year 1945, ought to be given to our pastors and denominational workers in simple, handy form for ready reference. The introductory chapter in the 1944 Handbook takes care of this need.

3. Also, those conducting this Centennial Crusade need every possible change in the directories and the ordained ministers' list; and we have found and made 3,500 of these necessary changes since June 1, and entered them in the new Handbook.

4. Many of our pastors and denominational workers do not yet seem to know that the Handbook, each year, contains ten chapters with more than 162 pages of vital information which is published nowhere else in the world. These unique and indispensable chapters are as follows:

(1) Gains and losses by states, 8 pages.
(2) Short summaries of the work and achievements of our Boards and Institutions, 65 pages.

(3) Baptisms among Southern Baptists, 6 pages.

(4) Big churches among Southern Baptists (worth the price of the Handbook any year), 25 pages.

(5) The complete showing of the "Contributions and Finances of Southern Baptists," 5 pages.

(6) The chapter on "Baptists of the South, America and World," showing the growth of Baptists from the beginning, 7 pages.

(7) Likewise the chapter on hospitals and orphanages presents information found nowhere else, 6 pages.

(8) "Baptists and Other Faiths" presents the standing of all denominations, 6 pages.

(9) "Population and Progress of Christianity" contains information no pastor should be without, 9 pages.

(10) "Record of Southern Baptists by Associations"—invaluable reference material, 25 pages.

Besides these 162 pages, each Handbook contains a chapter on the Sunday school situation, including the big Sunday schools and Vacation Bible schools; also a chapter on race relations. That is to say, each copy of the Handbook contains 185 or more pages of informational and reference material which is found in no other publication. Because of the scarcity of paper we could only publish 1,000 copies this year and must charge \$1.00 per copy. Get your copy while they last.

EVANGELISTIC DIRECTOR OFFERS
SUGGESTIONS

Southern Baptists are facing one of the great pivotal days of their history. December 31, 1944, will either spell victory or defeat in the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade. It will either point upward and outward, or it will crystallize the present period of stagnation. This is to be a day of contrition, confession, and rededication. It is a challenge to pastors and their people to fall on their faces before the throne of God's great everlasting mercy. It is from the vantage point of "the knees" that kingdom-builders arise with enduement from on high.

Your evangelistic director offers the following suggestions: (1) Publicize widely by word of mouth, personal contact, bulletins, letters, and visitation this call to rededication. (2) Place the responsibility of this day squarely on the shoulders of your church crusade committee. (3) Make your plans to have every member of your congregation at the church some time during the day—don't even hint that you are not expecting every person. (4) Begin the rededication with your Sunday school officers and teachers at 9:00 a. m., and have these teachers carry this theme throughout the Sunday school hour. (5) Pitch your morning church service on a call to confession and rededication. (6) Have the church open all of the afternoon for prayer, asking every member to go there at some period during this time to pray. (7) Plan your Training Union program on rededication. (8) Observe "student night" which carries with it this same theme, this to be done at the regular evening church hour if at all possible. (9) Call your people together for a "watch-night" service. Make this service one of confession, telling of experiences, prayer, hymn singing, talks on soul winning, talks on consecration of wealth and talents, observance of the Lord's Supper.

May God give VICTORY during our "KNEE" day.

W. A. BELL,
Centennial Evangelistic Director.

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The orphanage was privileged to have a visit recently with four of their former students who came by for just a little while. Each of these former students made their Thanksgiving gift to the orphanage while there, these gifts ranging in amounts from \$5.00 to \$15.00. How fine it is for these boys and girls to come back to their home where they lived for so many years. Baptist Orphanage, there she stands. Thousands shall bless her name and memory.

CORRECTION: We are happy to add one name that was omitted from the recently printed Now Club list. It is Mrs. Murry Reynolds, Kossuth Baptist Church, Alcorn Association.

The Baptist Book Store at Jackson will be closed on December 29 and 30 in order to take inventory. We will be open for business on January 2—Mrs. O. M. Jones, manager.

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson for December 24
Bible Texts: Luke 2:8-12; Hebrews 1:1-4; I John 1:1-4

Introduction:

What faithful heart ever grew weary of Luke's beautiful story recorded in the passage from his gospel assigned as a part of our lesson text today! Over and over we read it with each return of the Christmas season, but it never grows old, prolix, or stale. Let us read it together again, though it be for the five-hundredth time, and we shall find in it fresh charm and new truth to fit this hour's need.

I. Men Afraid. vv. 8, 9.

They saw an angel and they were afraid. The glory of the Lord which shone about them was too much for them to endure without a word of peace from the Lord of glory. And they were not peculiar in this; you and I would have been as fearful as they were, would be just that fearful now, after all our years of reading this story now, after all our years of reading this story and others in which angels appear to speak the message of God. There is something about the supernatural that bows the stoutest heart in its presence. The scoffer and cynic may stand stubbornly erect and declare his freedom from all superstition, but let him be confronted with the presence, and the stubborn knees will smite together and the brazen cheek will blanch.

II. Fearful Men Reassured. v. 10.

"Be not afraid." "Fear not." And in these words we hear expressed in speech a great distinguishing characteristic of our holy religion. All other religions in the world are religions of fear. Every false god whose name makes a black splotch on its page in the religious history of mankind, rules its devotees by fear. Only the God of the Christian is that Christian's father; only the Savior of the Christian is that Christian's elder brother. As a kind father loves his children and plans for their best interests always, and the wholly good elder brothers of men love and cherish and lead them, so does our elder brother and our Lord do always.

So the messenger of the Lord spoke to reassure these fearful men. There is nothing of which to be afraid, this which you see is a sign of a visitation of the Lord your God, the one and only one altogether good. And He will not visit His own to do them any harm.

Set God at the centre! And with God at the centre, no harm can come to His child under any set of circumstances, on the crest of any tide, in the face of any storm. When cyclones rend—when lightning blights—when earthquakes set firm-fixed mountains a-stagger—when cloud-kissing tidal waves pour the flood upon the land—when heartless war lifts high his horrid front and tramples cities and states beneath his cloven, heedless hoofs, the child of the loving Father's care may couch him unafraid on the bosom of infinite love.

III. Weak Men Strengthened. vv. 10, 11.

"The joy of the Lord is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10). The angel who brought to these shepherds the

tidings of joy brought them as a corollary a freedom from fear and an abundant measure of strength. Would you have your son yonder creeping up the rain-soaked, snow-drenched, hell-crowned slope of a mountain in Italy made strong in the midst of his awful ordeal? Thrill his heart with a great hope of rest at home with his loved ones when the long campaign is over.

"Tidings of joy I bring you to feed your failing strength in the hour of stress and strain, tidings of a joy that shall thrill the hearts of men everywhere in the world, whosoever will receive the new-born Savior as Lord and Master."

IV. The Glory of the God of Joy.

Hebrews 1:1-4.

There may be among us those who will say that the profound truths of this passage are beyond the depth to which the average church member is willing to descend; but I am firm in the faith that the need of our people for the deeper truths of Bible teaching as by no means the least of our needs.

1. God's Supreme Prophet. vv. 1, 2.

"God, having of old time spoken to the fathers in the prophets by diverse portions and in divers manners." God hath spoken, and this is the great truth here. He spoke to the men of old, in Moses, in Joshua, in Job, and in David, and many others. He spoke in different portions, many portions, now a word in a commandment and again a word in a song; now a message in a miracle and again a word in some other form of a gracious providence. "In diverse portions and in divers manners."

"Hath in the end of these days spoken to us in a Son. "A Son," see what this speaker is, a Son, Son of God. Now God spoke to the fathers, do not overlook that fact! The Old Testament is God's word, truly as is the New, and is surpassed by the New only in the matter of the completeness of the revelation it expresses, the message it brings, the word it utters. The New caps the climax of God's lofty speech in that it adds the completing word to God's speech to men, and in that this completing word is spoken by a Son, a Son of God, very God.

2. The Son's Lofty Relation to the Father. vv. 2, 3.

(a) "Whom He appointed heir of all things." And He is heir now rightful ruler now, Lord now. There are impious rebels all over His domains, but He is regnant, and will some day be so acknowledged. Jesus stands as the sole, supreme Lord of this whole creation.

(b) The agent of creation. "Through whom also He made the worlds," "Through whom He constituted the ages." "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Gen. 1:1). Of course He did, but He created them all through the agency of a Son, a Son was the agent through whom the whole grand transaction was consummated. As R. G. LeTourneau performs all his great manufacturing activities through his agents in his different plants, and yet it is LeTourneau who acts; so God created, through the agency of his Son.

(c) The rayer-forth of God's glory. "Who being the effulgence of His glory." The word translated "effulgence," means either to ray forth or to flash back, to shine or to reflect. It seems best to understand it here as meaning to shine forth, as the sunlight shine forth the glory of the great sun. The glory of God in the face and character and life of Jesus

Christ is God's crowning revelation of Himself to man. Would you know what the glory of God is? Go study the person and life of "a Son," Jesus our Lord.

(d) "The very image of His substance." Davidson says, "The Son is the very image of God, in whom may be perceived distinctly the nature of God."

3. The Son's lofty relation to man. v. 3.

"When He had made purification of sins." When did He do that? It was His work on the cross of Calvary. What the Jewish high priest did on the day of atonement, and did in type and shadow only, the Son did really on the day He went up to Calvary and made there His supreme sacrifice.

4. The Son's present position. v. 3.

"Sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on High." There He is, Priestly Intercessor, offering continually His supplications for us, after having made one sufficient sacrifice of His blood forever! There He is in the seat of power swaying His scepter divine over His universe, reigning in the midst of His enemies, holding this vibrant universe in the leash of His authority, and in that exalted position He will reign forever.

5. The supremacy of His present position. v. 4.

"Having become by so much better than the angels, as He hath inherited a more excellent name than they." He is "a Son," therefore, eternally and immeasurably better than the angels. And may I be suffered to strain the language of the text to remark that He is man, and as such, has dignified our human nature high above that of angels? Your brother now sits on the throne of the universe, and in Him you have part in the rulership of the world that now is as well as in that which is to come.

V. The Christian's Fellowship of Joy.

1 John 1:1-4.

Only God knows who wrote the Epistle to the Hebrews, but we know who wrote this wonderful little production—John the beloved disciple, the old Apostle John!

1. Eternal Son. v. 1. "That which was from the beginning." "In the beginning was the word" (John 1:1). When time began, the Word already was in existence, eternal as God Himself, before in past eternity, now, in time, in the coming eternity, even when time shall have ceased to be. We lean upon Him our deep desire for something, someone unchanging in dependability through all the shifting

Hardly a day passes that we do not receive subscriptions from mothers and fathers for sons who are in the service overseas. We want to commend this and we suggest that others do likewise. It will be money well spent.

Bentonia: The W. M. S., Mrs. O. N. Cooper, president, has recently had offerings as follows: Lottie Moon offering \$34.05; orphanage \$38.25 and orphanage box \$21.00.

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years.

2. The Eternal Son Became Man. vv. 1, 2.

"That which we have heard, that which we have seen without our eyes, that which we beheld, and our hands handled." So the eternal Son became a human being, upon whose words John had hung, whom John had seen, upon whose breast John had leaned. "Concerning the word of life." Christ is Himself the word of life, but here John must mean the whole of the gospel message. All the gospel concerns Him. And the word of life was manifested, made real to the disciples.

3. The Eternal Son brings us into fellowship with Himself. v. 3.

By becoming man, the Son made it possible for men to have fellowship with God. I breakfasted this morning with six other gentlemen, leaders in a great patriotic movement, because the appointed head of the movement thought we needed fellowship in the work to which our hands were set. In somewhat like manner, God takes us into fellowship with Himself through Jesus Christ, comes in to us and sups with us and tells us of the great work unto which He has called us.

4. Our joy made full in him. v. 4.

"These things we write, that our joy may be full." Fellowship is necessary to joy here on earth. No man alone, utterly alone, can know abiding joy. The man who goes off in a crowd all by himself can never know the fullness of joy that comes to those who rejoice in the fellowship of loving friends and sharers in life's tasks. And supremely may we claim that no man out of fellowship with God can know real joy for any time. That is reserved for those who have fellowship with God and His Son our Lord Jesus Christ.



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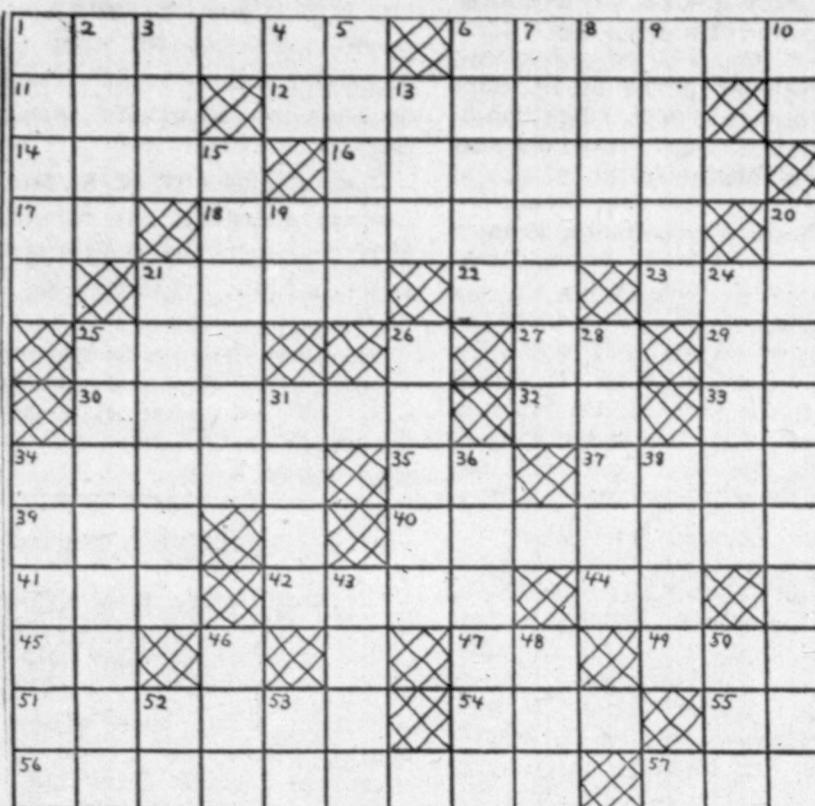
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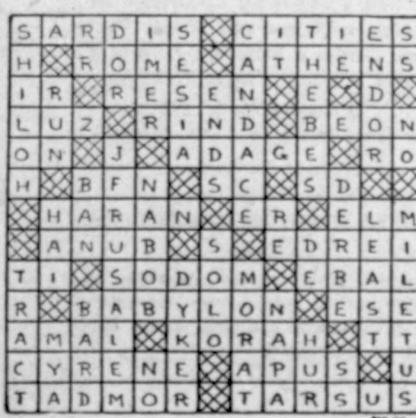
"Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me. Howbeit we must be cast upon a certain island."

—Acts 27:25, 26.

HISTORIC ISLANDS

- 1 Island thatw as the native place of Barnabas, Acts 4:36.
- 6 Island thatw as the scene of one of Paul's shipwrecks, Acts 28:1.
- 11 Portuguese money.
- 12 City of 1 across; Paul and Barnabas preached here, Acts 13:5.
- 14 "heard with our . . ." Ps. 44:1.
- 16 Ceratin appendages; all lame (anag.).
- 17 Translation.
- 18 The China tree; her pet oo (anag.).
- 21 Island; "we came with a straight course unto . . ." Acts 21:1.
- 22 Lava.
- 23 Article.
- 25 Automobile sign.
- 27 "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee" is in this Psalm.
- 29 Authorized version.
- 30 Isle to which John was banished, Rev. 1:9.
- 32 Gods.
- 33 Note.
- 34 Awake.
- 35 Condition.
- 37 He visited most of these islands.
- 39 Descendant of Asher, I Chron. 7:37.
- 40 Predicament.
- 41 Weight of Turkey.
- 42 Songs.
- 44 Ream.
- 45 Through.
- 47 Tantalum.
- 49 A Benjamite, I Chron. 7:7.
- 51 Thorny shrub; ponies (anag.).
- 54 Anger.
- 55 Teamster's word.
- 56 Paul suffered this thrice.
- 57 Father of Joshua, I Chron. 7:27.
- DOWN
- 1 People living in this island were proverbial liars, Tit. 1:12.
- 2 "continue there a . . . and buy a . . . sell," Jas. 4:13.
- 3 Through.

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK



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WHAT IS THE CENTENNIAL CRUSADE?

J. E. Dillard

1. The Centennial Crusade is the culmination and conclusion of three Convention committees collaborating. It was unanimously adopted by the Convention.

2. It is a celebration. Jews, Americans, and Christians believe in celebrating great events. We are celebrating the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention.

3. It is a centennial celebration. One hundred years is a long time, none of us will live to see another centennial of the Convention. We ought to celebrate it in a worthy way.

4. It is a crusade. It is to be an all-out, well-thought-out, well-prayed-out, well-wrought-out, all-the-year, inclusive, sustained, and sacrificial effort to do things greatly worthwhile.

5. It is a comprehensive crusade. It includes evangelism, enlistment, education, rehabilitation, stewardship, benevolences, and a financial goal of \$20,000,000. Any one of these objectives is worth while, and taken together they constitute the greatest undertaking in the history of Southern Baptists.

6. It is a co-operative crusade. All state and Southwide causes are included; all agencies and organizations will work together; all undesignated receipts will be divided according to Co-operative Program percentages.

7. It is a constructive crusade. The causes included are the very things our churches are working at. It is a stepping up of the efficiency of the churches to the highest degree.

8. It is a complete crusade. It calls for every organization in every church and every member of every organization to join in full length.

9. It is a challenging crusade. It calls for heroic service and sacrifice. Let's do our best irrespective of what any other person does.

It is a crowning crusade. Its purpose is to crown Christ King in every realm. We want to complete, celebrate, climax and crown a Century for Christ.

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Iuka: We've ordained five deacons and Pastor R. E. Pate baptized two young men recently.—D. C. Daugherty.

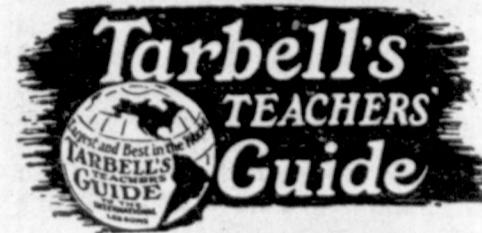


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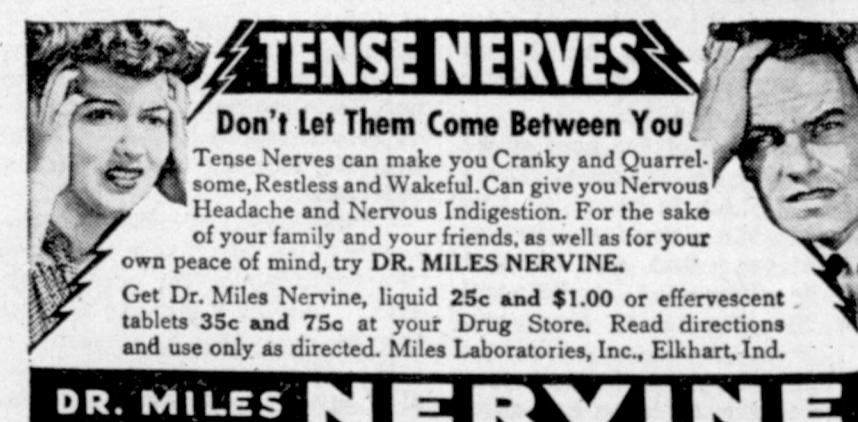
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Dear Bro. Mize:

Our boys have to fight on Sunday and defense workers have to work many Sundays to keep supplies moving to them on page 2 of Baptist Record is this paragraph:

"Is it asking too much when we request that you give the proceeds of one day's work out of all the year to help make life worth while for the children of the Baptist Orphanage?"

I had planned to do this before reading the above, and I pray that many more who are on defense jobs may read this and give one day.

Here is my day's work on yesterday (double pay).

Yours fraternally,

(Signed) O. C. MOOR,
520 Magazine Street,
Beaumont, Texas.

Credit this to Macon Baptist Church.

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FORWARD, BAPTIST COMRADES
(A Centennial Marching Song; tune,
"Onward, Christian Soldiers")

Forward, Baptist comrades!
Jesus calls us on!
Hitherto He helped us
Through the century gone,
Henceforth He will lead us,
Bold and strong and sure;
On with Him to triumphs
That shall long endure!

CHORUS

Forward, Baptist comrades!
Jesus leads us on!
Seeking, praying, toiling
Till the world is won!

We will seek the straying,
Win them from the wrong,
Share God's great salvation
With the weak and strong;
Reach and teach and train them
While as yet 'tis day,
Help them see His glory,
Walk His holy way.

We will tell His story
In the lands afar,
Light their night of darkness
With the Morning Star;
Bear their heavy burdens,
Share their bitter woe,
Bring to them the Savior
Whom 'tis Life to know.

Baptists, lift your banners!
Hold His cross on high!
Hitherto He led us
In the years gone by;
Lord of past and future,
Grant us grace to be
Henceforth true and loyal,
Marching on with Thee.

—Ernest C. Kolb, Pastor,
Loris Baptist Church,
Loris, South Carolina.

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Gene Boyett, Sallis, has been elected president of the International Relations Club of Blue Mountain College. Other officers are: Vice-president, Louise Freeman, Tucuman, Argentina; secretary-treasurer, Ann Witt Long, Ripley; program chairmen, Elizabeth Morris, Newton, and Betty Jane Watts, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mrs. David E. Guyton of the social science department is sponsor. The next meeting of the club will be held January 16, with Miss Lucy Lamb, college librarian, as the guest speaker. The subject will be: "Outstanding Men of China."

Several pastors have said that they would send the Record to their members in the armed service, but keeping addresses correct would be too much trouble. The Baptist Record takes care of that trouble. Send us their names and addresses and future changes of address come to us through the post office department.

TO SOUTH AMERICA



RIDDELL'S ASSIGNED TO
SOUTH AMERICA

Rev. Gerald Riddell resigned as pastor of the West Laurel Baptist Church December 3 to accept the appointment by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention for work in Colombia, South America. He will deliver his farewell sermon on December 31, and then will depart for Miami from which place he will fly to Barranquilla.

Brother Riddell came to Laurel from Brownwood, Texas, just a year ago. During these twelve months, 165 people have united with the West Laurel church; 103 of these have come for baptism. The offering for the year was slightly under \$20,000. Since October 1, the West Laurel church has given more than \$1,000 through the Co-operative Program, which is approximately half the gifts of the entire preceding year.

Mrs. Riddell, the former Miss Vergie Marion Therrell, daughter of Rev. M. C. Therrell of Sandersville, Mississippi, and their two sons, Jerry Don and Johnny, will accompany him to the mission field.

Brother Riddell comes from a missionary family; his father doing associational and district mission work in Texas for many years; his only sister, Mrs. W. W. Lawton, Jr., is under appointment by the Foreign Mission Board for work in North China and is awaiting the close of the war to go to that field.

The Riddells will be stationed in Cartegena where their address will be: Apartado Nacional 290

Cartegena, South America.

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Congratulations to Rev. J. H. Pennebaker, clerk of Tallahatchie County Association on the attractive minutes recently received. The minutes show 17 churches; 3,109 members; Sunday school enrollment 1302; Training Union enrollment 339, enrolled in W. M. U. 312; gifts for local objects \$38,041; gifts for missions and benevolences \$8,515.

Rev. J. B. Hemphill has resigned at Jayess. The pulpit committee will welcome suggestions. Write P. A. Hill, Jayess, Miss.

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HARLANDS CREEK, ATTENTION!

Preaching at Harlands Creek Baptist Church Sunday, Dec. 24, beginning at 2 o'clock p. m. We are having a "Flannel Board" Christmas service and want all our members to be present.—Madison Flowers, pastor.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Rev. Leon V. Young, Clinton, Miss.
Called and Accepted

J. G. Shannon, Shop Springs, Tenn.
James Williams, Smith Fork, Tenn.
Jack Campbell, Boone's Creek, Tenn.
W. C. McGill, Erin, from Eastland Heights, Springfield, Tenn.
J. M. Rogers, Kirkwood, Tenn.
Harry Meadors, Big Emory, Tenn.
E. C. Harris, Pleasant Grove, Tenn.
J. H. Turner, Linden, Tenn.
Wayne Tarpley, St. Elmo, Chattanooga, from Alexander, Tenn.
Luther Atkinson, Eureka, from Clax Gap and White Creek, Tenn.
J. Manley Reynolds, West Austin from First, Bartlett, Tex.
A. B. Stockman, Pine Grove, Texas.
J. R. Forrester, Welch, from Sierra Blanca, Tex.

J. L. Brown, Lumpkin, from Lumber City, Ga.

David R. Pickering, Mt. Pleasant, Ga.
Loy Baird, Gibsland, from Olla, La.
T. M. Fulgham, Merryville, La., from Warren, Tex.

H. L. Devaney, La. Pryor, Tex.
J. W. Rives, Poteat, from Floresville, Tex.

J. W. Jones, New Brockton from Diatesville, Ala.

Lewis H. Taylor, Friendship, from Georgetown, Ky.

Tanese Foutenot, Mamon, La.

Melvin York, Calvin, La.

Felix Quinton, Muldrow, Okla.

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SECURE

Elected by God the Father,
Cleansed by the Blood of the Son;
Sanctified now by the Spirit,
Together we are made one.

Born not by the will of the flesh,
Repentance we have toward God;
Changed from the past and made holy,
Set apart, free from sin's rod.

Led by the Spirit and builded
On a foundation secure;
Joined all together in Jesus,
Our praise to Him shall endure.

—Ernest O. Sellers,
Baptist Bible Institute,
New Orleans, La.

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DANIEL JOHNSON RITCHIE

After a long and useful life, God is His Wisdom called our beloved brother Daniel Johnson Ritchie, to his reward in heaven.

Whereas, we, the members of Enterprise Baptist Church, feel keenly the loss and separation, we know that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord. Our departed brother for many years served as a deacon in an able and faithful way. He died as he lived with his face toward the future in which he believed. His faith was bright to the last.

To his devoted family, we extend our deep and sincere sympathy and may God sustain and comfort as He alone can.

Be it resolved that a copy be retained for the church record, a copy sent to the bereaved family and a copy forwarded to The Baptist Record for publication.

E. E. Welsh,
Mrs. Hardy Dear,
B. Stevens.

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Many people are saying to Baptist Hospital building fund campaign leaders, "We hope you get that money for the Baptist Hospital." We appreciate all the good will expressed, and particularly that good will translated into action through the giving of dollars.

First church, Kingsport, Tenn., Dr. L. B. Cobb, pastor, was recently dedicated debt free. The original debt was \$122,000. The 1945 budget of \$46,800 is to be equally divided between expenses and missions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U.

ATTENDANCE

Dec. 17, 1944

	SS	BTU
Wallerlville	55	36
Cross Roads, Webster Co.	61	
Calvary, Jackson	950	310
First, Jackson	1,002	237
Griffith, Jackson	574	293
Parkway, Jackson	496	
Elliston	129	59
Taylorsville	116	87
First, New Albany	426	157
Westside, Natchez	89	43
Macedonia, Lincoln Co.	164	
First, Brookhaven	505	132
Crystal Springs	445	105
Rocky Creek, George Co.	81	73
Hardy	92	29
Olive Branch, Dec. 10	31	35
Friendship, Jackson Co.	44	67

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The Convention Board office the first few days of the hospital building fund campaign received \$13,000 in cash. It is believed that with some good hard work, prayer, and with liberal giving, Jackson will give over \$100,000 to the hospital building fund. It is believed that Baptist churches and their friends over the state will likewise give \$100,000 for this purpose.

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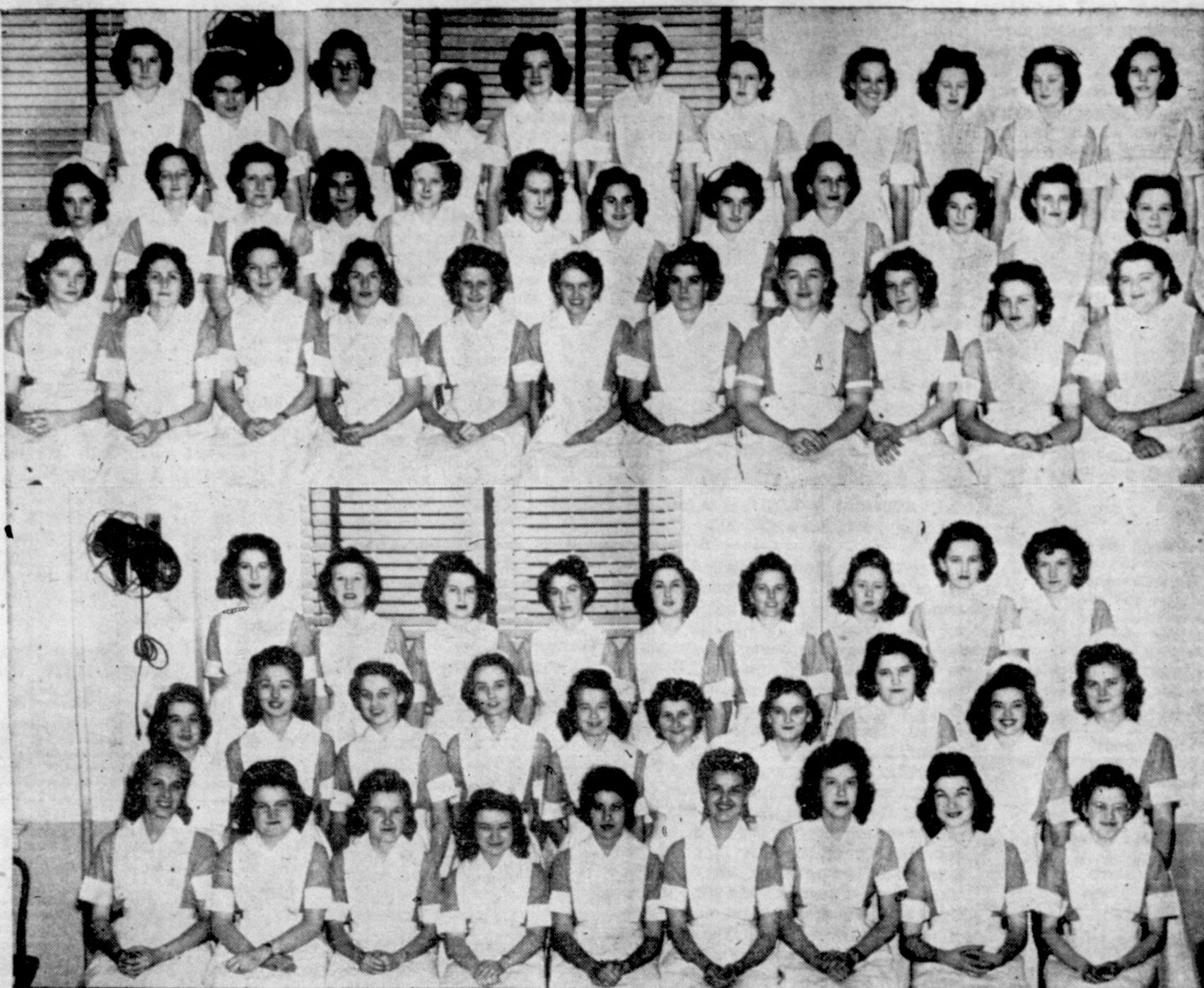
You'll be surprised how quickly and easily you can relieve coughs due to colds, when you try this splendid recipe. It gives you about four times as much cough medicine for your money, and you'll find it truly wonderful, for real relief.

Make a syrup by stirring 2 cups of granulated sugar and one cup of water a few moments, until dissolved. No cooking needed—it's no trouble at all. Then put 2½ ounces of Pinex (obtained from any druggist) into a pint bottle. Add your syrup and you have a full pint of medicine that will amaze you by its quick action. It never spoils, lasts a family a long time, and tastes fine—children love it.

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NURSES IN TRAINING



The nurses are vital factors in any hospital. They serve suffering humanity while in training as well as upon graduation. Here are some of the 133 nurses at the Mississippi Baptist Hospital. Some of them are preparing to serve with the fighting forces of our country. They are worthy of our generous support. We list their names and addresses:

Reading from left to right:

First Row

Myrtle Ween Myers, Laurel, Miss.; Edna Brantley, Walnut Grove, Miss.; Maude Maxine Garrett, Harrisville, Miss.; Sara Alice McDaniel, Bude, Miss.; Ruth Parnell Warbington, Pas- cagoula, Miss.; Wanda Rutledge, Jackson, Miss.; Mill Lanelle Hamilton, Ofahoma, Miss.; Reba Howell, Mize,

Miss.; Martha Lane Chisholm, Collins, Miss.

Second Row

Naomi Monk, Laurel, Miss.; Mary Alice McCrory, Forest, Miss.; Mary Anne Potter, Pontotoc, Miss.; Nancy Dillingham Lewis, Clinton, Miss.; Bobbie Alford, Forest, Miss.; Ellen Pearl Ellzey, Osyka, Miss.; Jimmie Payne, McAdams, Miss.; Mary Ethelyn Russell, McAdams, Miss.; Dorothy Jane Mangum, Pulaski, Miss.; Bobbie Faye Foster, Laurel, Miss.

Third Row

Betty Briggs Bright, Laurel, Miss.; Helen Grace Keys, Laurel, Miss.; Joyce Laverne Runnels, Bude, Miss.; Dorothy Jean Till, Laurel, Miss.; Linnie Margaret Morgan, Florence, Miss.; Christine Tolar, Columbia, Miss.

Margaret Wells, Hattiesburg, Miss.; Lois Virginia Turner, Dossville, Miss.; Hattie Lucille Williams, Mendenhall, Miss.

Fourth Row

Alice Lavelle Barnett, Lucedale, Miss.; Lottie Mae Moore, Ethel, Miss.; Dorothy Doris Davis, Lumberton, Miss.; Yvonne Thurman, Brookhaven, Miss.; Bobby Hays, Vicksburg, Miss.; Mavis Jones, Jackson, Miss.; Marjorie Poole, Poplarville, Miss.; Lavelle Shannon, Greenwood, Miss.; Marjorie Clark, Florence, Miss.; Mary Frances Burdett, D'Lo, Miss.; Iva Delle Hollingsworth, Jackson, Miss.

Fifth Row

Gracie Mae Raines, Macon, Miss.; Billie Maxine Braswell, Moss Point, Miss.; Hattie Mae Wilson, Grenada,

Miss.; Vera Mae Jenkins, Jackson, Miss.; Annie Lou Tucker, Terry, Miss.; Eva Payne, Sallis, Miss.; Thettis Burchfield, Ethel, Miss.; Annie Lois Sims, Meadville, Miss.; Jean England, McAdams, Miss.; Margaret Leitaker, Camden, Miss.; Gladys Marie Gordon, Shaw, Miss.

Sixth Row

Juanita M. Berry, Ethel, Miss.; Helen Creel, Bentonia, Miss.; Mary Louise Granberry, Terry, Miss.; Doris Moore, Philadelphia, Miss.; Helen Maurice Ashcraft, Kosciusko, Miss.; Rosie Elizabeth Morgan, Mathiston, Miss.; Jeffie Hope Miles, Wiggins, Miss.; Lottie Dale Jackson, Pontotoc, Miss.; Iris Jean Strickland, Liberty, Miss.; Ritta Grace Jones, Sallis, Miss.; Maxine Miley, Jackson, Miss.

JAMES FOSTER TO BE ORDAINED

James Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Foster, will be ordained to the gospel ministry at the First Baptist Church, Jackson, at the Sunday morning service, January 31. He is an A. B. graduate of Mississippi College, class of 1941, and will be graduated from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, next spring with the Th.M. degree.

Mr. Foster was reared in Jackson and since childhood has been an active member of the First Baptist Church.

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Ministerial Education is to receive 2% of Cooperative Program funds and not 3% as was stated in last week's Baptist Record.

The recent letter of the Columbus Avenue Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, to the association showed 210 additions to the church, 59 by baptism. A total of \$36,816.73 was given to all causes during the year. Total gifts to mission causes was \$23,284.43. The church is just completing the campaign for raising its budget for \$40,000 for the coming year which was the largest in the history of the church.—Jeanette Morgan, church secretary.

Holly Springs: We adopted a budget of \$10,000, but pledges already total pledges, 115 were tithing pledges—more than \$13,000, so we have raised Reporter.

Rev. W. V. May goes to Hathorn and Antioch churches in Jeff Davis county. Rev. May was licensed as a minister on July 31, 1944. The Lord is already using him in a great way.

The churches, Sunday schools, missionary societies and many individuals made splendid contributions to the Orphanage at Thanksgiving. The largest offering thus far received was made by the First Baptist Church of Meridian, amount of same \$3,882.56. We hope to publish a complete list of all contributions in The Baptist Record at an early date.

The Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina received from their Thanksgiving and regular once a month Sunday school offerings the amount of \$41,931.17 for the week of November 24 to November 30. They have received for their support for the year \$234,408.46.

I have resigned Hermanville in Claiborne county and Antioch in Jeff Davis county.—Barney Padgett.

The Convention Board office states that all applicants for church building aid will be written as to final action taken after the meeting of the Executive Committee about the second week of January.

Applicants may be assured that every favorable consideration possible is being shown looking toward the largest possible help being offered.

Rev. O. C. Hicks, pastor of the Rienzi and Osborne Creek Baptist Churches has resigned to accept the pastorate of Luxora, Arkansas, Baptist Church. Thus Mississippi loses and Arkansas gains.

